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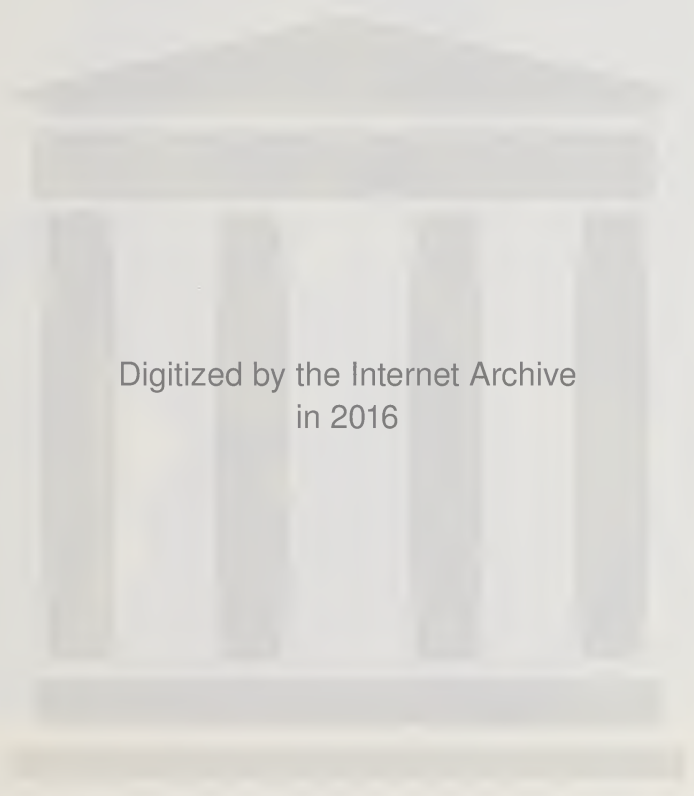
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Biography

WILLIAM MATTHEW KETCHUM, was born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Calif., September 2, 1921; schooling in Los Angeles County included Military School in North Hollywood and graduated, 1939; attended Colorado School of Mines and University of Southern California, majoring in commerce; left school to enter the Armed Forces; served in the United States Army, Seventy-seventh Infantry Division, Pacific Theater, during World War II; recalled into service during Korean conflict and served with the Four Hundred and Forty-first Counterintelligence Corps Detachment in Japan for 3 years; elected to the California Legislature in 1966, and served as representative from the Twenty-ninth District for 6 years; formerly engaged in cattle raising and farming; delegate to California State Republican convention, 1966; delegate to Republican National Convention, 1968; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-third Congress, November 7, 1972; reelected to the two succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1973, until his death June 24, 1978, in Bakersfield, Calif.; had been a successful candidate in the primary to the Ninety-sixth Congress; cremated; ashes scattered at sea off the coast of Santa Monica, Calif.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
WILLIAM M. KETCHUM

The gentleman from California had led a very full and active life. As a matter of fact, he played tennis Saturday morning and again in the afternoon.

All of us who are Members of the California delegation are going to miss him greatly.

BILL had been here a relatively short time but quickly became a leader in our midst, and we had put our hopes in him for future leadership. But that will not be, unfortunately.

All of us, I am sure, extend our condolences today to his wife, Lola, to his two children and four grandchildren.

The Speaker of the House announced that tomorrow we will not be in session. The funeral will be held tomorrow in Bakersfield.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. Bob Wilson), in expressing our very deep sense of shock at the untimely death of BILL KETCHUM. While he was with us here in the House for only 6 years, those of us from California knew him because of his service in our State assembly for 6 years preceding his coming to Washington. The respect for BILL KETCHUM was universal in this House. The affection for him in the delegation knew no center aisle. It is with a keen sense of loss that each Californian views this passing of a highly respected colleague.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning, I have been informed by the Sergeant at Arms, transportation will leave the steps of the Capitol, on the House side, at 7:30, and arrive at Bakersfield, Calif., for services at 11:30 tomorrow morning, Pacific time. The plane will return to Washington by 9 o'clock tomorrow evening. Members of the delegation, members of the committee, and Members of the House are, in most instances, going to be accommodated, and there will be room for the wives of some of the Members. I would suggest that Members desiring to go to California with the funeral party contact the Sergeant at Arms immediately so that final planning can be carried forward.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the gentleman from California (Mr. Moss) could give additional details such as the family requesting no flowers.

Mr. MOSS. Yes. I think it is very important to be announced that the family has requested no flowers be sent and that contributions

may be made to the Kern County Heart Association, rather than the sending of flowers.

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, we all learned with shock and sorrow of the passing Saturday of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM KETCHUM of California. He was a vigorous man, with a vigorous mind. He was an honest politician who saw no contradiction in those terms because he did not compromise the principles he happily brought to the political fray. His was a precise mind, and his inquisitive nature quickly made him expert far beyond the average in such technical fields as welfare and unemployment insurance. He was a national asset, a most valuable Member of this body, for these and other reasons. We will miss his counsel immediately and over a long period. Speaking for the close circle of his associates among the members of the Ways and Means Committee, where his participation was admired and exemplary, we send our love and our sorrow to his family.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues from California in noting the untimely passing of our dear friend and beloved colleague. He was indeed a very valuable Member of this House, a good friend, and he will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, he was a man of principle, a holder of strong and definite views on the issues that face our Nation, and a fighter for what he believed was right. He was a forceful and active man who served the Nation well on the Ways and Means Committee, and his constituents well in the 18th District of California.

As a rancher himself, he understood the unique problems of agriculture and the cycles of the cattle business.

As minority leader I have been pleased and proud to have had BILL KETCHUM as a Member of our House contingent. He was a fine gentleman, a dedicated Congressman, and he will be missed by his host of friends on both sides of the political aisle.

I join my colleagues in expressing our condolences to his wife, Lola, and to his children.

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, I will repeat again the details. The bus will leave for the plane at 7:30 from the Capitol tomorrow. It will leave from Andrews Air Force Base at 8:30, will go to Bakersfield for the funeral, and will be back at Andrews at 8:30 tomorrow night.

Mr. RONCALIO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay respect to our departed friend. I served as one of the majority on the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, where he sat for the first of his terms here. He was a shrewd, articulate, accomplished lawmaker. There were occasions for disagreement often in our markup session. But they were always at the highest level of lawmaking, and I was delighted that he always had the courtesy to thank his adversaries when matters were concluded.

He was very gracious when the Interior Committee, which was chaired by Bizz Johnson of the Subcommittee on Water and Power, visited his area several years ago.

His death leaves a large gap in the House, and this Nation has lost a good, tough, dedicated lawmaker.

Mr. Speaker, I indeed will miss him very, very much. He was a fine lawmaker.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues share with me the feeling of great loss with the untimely death of an outstanding American, Representative WILLIAM M. KETCHUM.

BILL was a close friend who had an unswerving dedication to the responsibilities of his office. I got to know him well when he served on the Science and Technology Committee, of which I am a member, and on the Space Science and Applications Subcommittee, which I Chair. His contributions, wisdom, and guidance which he brought to these positions, earned him a solid reputation as a devoted and distinguished Representative.

I have had the opportunity to visit his district. His dedication to public service and specifically to his constituents was unequalled. He had a probing and perceptive insight for the desires and needs of the people he served and pursued these goals with vigor.

Mrs. Fuqua and I would like to extend our deepest, heartfelt sympathy to his lovely wife and family. Indeed, theirs is a deep personal loss.

But the Congress and the Nation shares in this loss. We have lost a great American.

Mrs. PETTIS. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of our colleague, BILL KETCHUM, was a terrible blow—my heart goes out to his wife, Lola, and the children. They were a close and happy family and BILL was one of my dearest friends in the House.

I will always remember that when Jerry, my late husband, died, BILL was the first of his colleagues to lend me support, and when I took over Jerry's seat he was right there, counseling, encouraging, guiding, seeing me through the shock of my own great loss.

BILL assumed Jerry's place on the House Ways and Means Committee, and fought the good fight against fiscal irresponsibility, against wasteful spending, against extravagant programs.

The House of Representatives, the 18th Congressional District in California, and our country have lost a wise and reasonable and masterly voice.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 1978.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. When the House adjourns today, it will adjourn out of respect for the late Honorable WILLIAM KETCHUM, to reconvene at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Mrs. FENWICK. Mr. Speaker, I too would like to address the House concerning the loss of our dear colleague, the gentleman from California, Mr. KETCHUM. I do not know that anyone can combine, as he did, the sturdy principles and the kindly humor that are going to be lost with his passing.

There was something so genuine, so deep, in his convictions, and so fair and kindly in his dissent, combined with a sense of humor and compassion. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. JOHN L. BURTON. Mr. Speaker, I just want to join our colleagues in lamenting the passing of my very dear friend, BILL KETCHUM. We served in the State legislature for many years. We were seatmates. In the State legislature in California we used to vote by electronic light switches, and BILL always said he was responsible for about 60 percent of my votes because I never had the ability to sit in one place very long.

The Congress is going to miss him. I know I am going to miss him. And the elderly people of the State of California had no greater champion than this so-called conservative, BILL KETCHUM.

I just want to extend my condolences to his wife, Lola, and to their children. I just wish he were here with us today. I know wherever he is, he is going to be raising the same kind of hell that he did on this floor and in the State legislature.

BILL KETCHUM was always his own man. He was not afraid to look Republican Governor Reagan in the eye on issues dealing with the rights of the elderly and tell the Governor that his programs were wrong. We had many occasions to team up as an urban liberal and rural conservative to pass meaningful legislation in the State of California dealing with the rights of the elderly. As the only urban member of the assembly agriculture committee, I was also in a position to work with BILL KETCHUM to provide help for the people he represented who were small producers fighting against the great distributors and conglomerates. I never failed to remind BILL that I was responsible for his legislation to create a table grape commission in the State of California that was of great importance to his district. He was a great person and a great legislator and I am proud that he was my friend.

Mr. MIKVA. Mr. Speaker, I wish to add my sentiments and I would like to join those of my colleagues who have spoken about the deep sense of loss we all feel on the untimely death of our colleague, the gentleman from California, BILL KETCHUM. This was an honest and decent Tory, the likes of which this body may not see again for a long time and I know every Member deeply feels the loss of our great colleague.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Speaker, I join today with others to pay tribute to a devoted public servant and close personal friend, the Honorable WILLIAM KETCHUM, who has served the people of the 18th Congressional District of California for the past 5 years.

His constructive views and tireless efforts are well known in these Halls and in the California Legislature where he served for 6 years as an assemblyman. While serving in the assembly, he chaired the agriculture committee where his experiences as a cattleman and farmer were well utilized.

His absence from the House will be severely felt. His was a well reasoned voice in the Committee on Ways and Means where he served on the Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation.

Personally, I will greatly miss BILL and his support of issues which transcended both politics and district lines. Oftentimes in the best interests of all of California's farmers, we were able to speak with a single voice.

Water, the very lifeblood of both our districts, was an area where we had a special common bond.

Reta and I extend our deepest sympathies to Lola Ketchum, their two children, and the four grandchildren.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the 77th Infantry Division lost a buddy over the weekend in the passing of Congressman WILLIAM KETCHUM of California. BILL and I served with the famous Statue of Liberty Division in the South Pacific during World War II. It was a great group of fighting men that engaged in nine amphibious landings under enemy fire in Guam, Leyte, Keramaretto, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. BILL was up there through it all. BILL stayed in the service and served with the Counterintelligence Corps during the Korean conflict. He loved his country and gave unselfishly of his life. He served his community, his State, and his Nation during war and peace. Truly one of God's great noblemen, BILL had a compassion for people. I shall always remember BILL for his many messages of encouragement during my stay in the Bethesda Naval Hospital. As a result of his concern, I heard from many of my World War II comrades from all over the Nation. As a Congressman, BILL could disagree with you without getting disagreeable. He was articulate, and dedicated, and devoted to public service.

I have attached the article from the New York Times which relates the circumstances of his untimely death. I extend my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Ketchum and his children, Robert and Kathy.

REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM M. KETCHUM; WAS IN THIRD TERM IN HOUSE

BAKERSFIELD, CALIF., June 25.—Representative WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, Republican of California, died last night of an apparent massive coronary. He was 56 years old.

Mr. KETCHUM was stricken at his home here at 6:40 p.m. and pronounced dead on arrival at Kern Medical Center at 7 p.m.

Joseph Hummel, the hospital administrator, said Mr. KETCHUM had been playing tennis in the afternoon and apparently suffered the attack in the shower a few minutes later.

Mr. KETCHUM, a member of the California Assembly from 1966 to 1972, was serving his third term in the House of Representatives and was a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. He represented California's 18th Congressional District.

He was a cattle rancher, farmer, and a former president of the San Luis Obispo County Farm Bureau. He was seeking reelection, having run unopposed in the Republican primary this month.

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, June 24, the House of Representatives lost one of its distinguished Members, WILLIAM M. KETCHUM of California.

BILL was a very special friend to me. He was a man of great kindness and compassion. During my stay last year in Bethesda Naval Hospital, BILL either called or came to see me every day for 4 months—always cheerful and full of good news and funny stories.

BILL KETCHUM was a good man; and I, for one, will miss him.

Mr. WON PAT. Mr. Speaker, it is with the greatest of sadness that I join our colleagues in our grief over the sudden death of my good friend Representative WILLIAM KETCHUM of California.

BILL KETCHUM served this Nation with the greatest of dignity and honor. He had a love for this country second to none and his service in the House of Representatives since 1973 will be a lasting memorial to one who was proud to represent the 18th Congressional District from California.

One little known aspect of BILL KETCHUM's wonderful personality was his interest in the Pacific Islands, and in particular in Guam. He had seen extensive action there in World War II and in fact had actually participated with great bravery in the liberation of Guam while a member of the U.S. Army.

The horrors and suffering he saw there never left him and it is truly to his credit that he continued to be concerned about the well-being of the residents of the Pacific Islands during his service in the House.

On the occasions in which I had the pleasant privilege of working with BILL KETCHUM, he never failed to impress me with his sense of fairness. In every way, BILL was truly a credit to himself, his family, his constituents, and his country.

I know he will certainly be missed by his colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee and by all of us who came to know and like Congressman KETCHUM. The shock of suddenly losing a great friend is never easy to comprehend. In the case of BILL KETCHUM,

the loss will be felt in many ways, for many years. We on Guam have lost a good friend and I extend on behalf of my constituents my deepest regrets to his family.

Mr. MOSS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution on the death of the Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1249

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of 65 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. On behalf of the Speaker and without objection, the Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Moss; Mr. Rhodes; Mr. Bob Wilson of California; Mr. Sisk; Mr. McFall; Mr. Johnson of California; Mr. Corman; Mr. Edwards of California; Mr. Hawkins; Mr. Leggett; Mr. Roybal; Mr. Van Deerlin; Mr. Charles Wilson of California; Mr. Don Clausen of California; Mr. Del Clawson of California; Mr. Phillip Burton of California; Mr. Wiggins; Mr. McCloskey; Mr. Anderson of California; Mr. Goldwater of California; Mr. Rousselot; Mr. Danielson; Mr. Delums; Mr. Brown of California; Mr. Burgener; Ms. Burke of California; Mr. Moorhead of California; Mr. Ryan; Mr. Stark; Mr. Lagomarsino; Mr. John Burton of California; Mr. Hannaford; Mr. Krebs; Mr. Lloyd of California; Mr. Miller of California; Mr. Mineta; Mr. Patterson; Mr. Waxman; Mrs. Pettis; Mr. Badham; Mr. Beilenson; Mr. Dornan; Mr. Panetta; Mr. Ullman; Mr. Pickle; Mr. Conable; Mr. Dickinson; Mr. Erlenborn; Mr. Snyder; Mr. Myers of Indiana; Mr. Winn; Mr. Crane; Mr. Frenzel; Mr. Hillis; Mr.

Robinson; Mr. Bafalis; Mrs. Holt; Mr. Martin; Mr. O'Brien; Mr. Pritchard; Mr. Shuster; Mr. Symms; Mr. Gradison; Mr. Hagedorn; and Mr. Schulze of Pennsylvania.

The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.) pursuant to House Resolution 1249 and under its previous order, the House adjourned until Wednesday, June 28, 1978, at 10 o'clock a.m.

THURSDAY, *June 29, 1978.*

Mr. BOB WILSON. Mr. Speaker, of course, the special order is taken for the purpose of eulogizing our late colleague, the gentleman from California, Mr. WILLIAM KETCHUM.

Mr. Speaker, the Nation has lost a dedicated legislator. California has lost a tireless worker, and I have lost a friend in the passing of BILL KETCHUM.

BILL KETCHUM came to this House just 6 years ago, and quickly established himself as a leader of great potential. He was a tough, honest man who was never afraid to speak his mind and to stand up for his beliefs. BILL's advice and counsel were invaluable to me on numerous occasions and I will sorely miss him, as we all will.

His energy and enthusiasm were infectious, and it was impossible to be around BILL without becoming caught up in his momentum. With all this he still had a hearty outgoing friendliness that crossed political lines. He had made many friends in Congress, and all of us mourn his passing.

Shirley and I send our most sincere condolences to his wife, Lola, their two children and their four grandchildren. May they all draw much comfort from having shared his greatness for so many years.

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, I do not think there is any doubt that the passing of BILL KETCHUM is a direct and very heartfelt loss not only to the House of Representatives, but to this fine country.

I first became acquainted with BILL KETCHUM when he entered service in the State legislature. There he very quickly established a constructive and positive outlook as a legislator. He was able to do it in a way so that everyone in the State knew his presence and his capability.

BILL brought to this House of Representatives a very, very valuable legislative viewpoint and capability. He has succeeded in the legislative process in so many ways. On the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, on the Ways and Means Committee, on the Science and Technology Committee he was a total and active participant. BILL certainly participated in the floor debates on many issues.

We all know he understood and fully appreciated the necessity of having legislative policies that would allow the private sector to produce in the field of energy. BILL had an indepth knowledge in the oil and gas industry that few others in this Congress possess.

He was deeply involved in the writing of legislation here in the field of social security and in unemployment compensation. BILL understood many other areas that his colleagues here from the Committee on Ways and Means can comment on more thoroughly than I.

Many of us knew him as a very hard-hitting politician, but he was reverently referred to in California politics as "Old Iron Pants." I think he kind of enjoyed that title. I know he enjoyed that title. It suited him well.

BILL's humor was magnificent. He used that humor in powerful and tactful ways to make important points. That humor will be missed.

It was certainly deserved, because he never approached any topic in politics or in legislation without first of all knowing what he was talking about. More important, BILL brought to the attention of others the importance of the subject matter in clear, concise, and hard-hitting terms.

He was an extremely dedicated family man. He made sure that all of us appreciated the warm relations of family activity. He made sure that to whatever degree legislation touched on the family the strong family point of view was well represented. BILL, of course, dedicated himself here and in the State legislature to the problems and solutions to those problems of the elderly. The senior citizens of this country never had a more understanding friend.

Mr. Speaker, there are so many ways that we could all comment on the fine dedication to this country of BILL KETCHUM, but I suppose that the minister who spoke at his memorial service just this past Tuesday in Bakersfield, Reverend Hannibal summed it best when he said, "He was one hell of a man."

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts, Mr. Speaker. I wish to associate myself with the remarks made by my colleagues here today on the passing of my close personal friend, Congressman WILLIAM KETCHUM of California.

BILL and I served together in the famous old 77th Infantry Division. That was a group of fighting men who had made nine amphibious landings under enemy fire. The division served at Guam, Leyte, Ie Shima, Keramaretto, and Okinawa, and BILL served through all those actions. In further distinguished service, he served in the Counterintelligence Corps during the Korean conflict.

BILL and I served on the Committee on Ways and Means of the House during the last several years. He was also a member of my Subcommittee on Social Security.

I have always admired BILL KETCHUM for his fighting spirit. He was very articulate. He was more or less an independent. He could even differ with his own party once in awhile, and I know he differed with my party on several occasions. But he could differ with you without being disagreeable, and he had a wonderful sense of humor.

A little over a week ago I was kidding BILL about getting home safely from the South Pacific after a couple of years of being out there, and I said, "BILL, you owe me a vote. When are you going to give me a vote?" BILL in a humorous way said, "I'll give you a vote on your retirement resolution."

BILL was kind and compassionate. I will never forget that during my stay in the hospital BILL wrote to the 77th Infantry Association and told them about my hospitalization. As a result, I heard from some of my comrades that I had not heard from since World War II. He had great compassion. In fact, I think it was he who inspired most of the Members on the other side of the aisle to send me notes of consolation during my absence.

I will always remember BILL KETCHUM. I think he stood for everything that America stands for. He served his community, he served his State, and he served his Nation.

My sympathy goes out to his wife and his two children, and Mrs. Burke joins me in this. While I was in the hospital, Mrs. Burke asked me, "Who is this **BILL KETCHUM**? I hear so much about him." I explained to her about **BILL**.

So, Mr. Speaker, I can only express my very deep sorrow about the passing of **BILL**. This Nation has lost one of its greatest public servants.

Mr. LAGOMARSINO. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the loss of **BILL KETCHUM**. He was a good friend and an outstanding legislator, with rare qualities of candor and commonsense. I have often been amazed that in a profession as much in the public eye as ours, **BILL** never resorted to the temporizing that so many of us engage in. He was as direct and forthright in committee and on the floor as in private, and it was that quality that made him such a valuable asset to this House and Nation.

His leadership on behalf of California agriculture is well known. The expertise he developed in private life as a rancher and cattleman, as president of the county farm bureau, and in the California State Legislature, was extended by his service in Congress, where he so ably represented the interests of the men and women who produce so much of the food we eat. In some respects, I suppose, **BILL** never shook the dirt from his boots, and that was part of his strength.

In the field of oil and gas development, **BILL** was fiercely devoted to the idea of energy independence for our Nation, recognizing the dangers of too much reliance on foreign sources. He was knowledgeable and realistic about the actual workings of the industry, on which much of our Nation's strength is based. In both these fields, agriculture and energy, he exemplified the ideals of the free enterprise market system which is the basis of our greatness as a Nation.

But the area in which he will most be missed is one in which his work is probably least known to those who now benefit from it—the old folks, for whom **BILL** did so much over so many years. Practical things, not fancy programs but things that really did some good. With **BILL**'s death the senior citizens of our Nation lost one of their best friends and strongest champions.

BILL's concern for old folks probably sums up the essence of his character. He was not one to put on a false front, and when he felt strongly about something he did not mince words. He was a diamond in the rough, but one whose light always shined true. He had com-

monsense and a common touch. I guess the best thing you can say about him is that BILL was a real, live human being. And that is why we will all miss him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Lola, and his family.

Mr. MIKVA. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join in this special order to pay tribute to our colleague and friend, BILL KETCHUM. I served on the Ways and Means Committee with BILL for close to 4 years. During that time we sometimes disagreed about issues, and we sometimes agreed. Frankly, it is only our agreements that I remember.

BILL was a man of great principle, and when he was an ally there was no one who would work harder or work more effectively to persuade others of the justice of the cause. BILL was noted for his conservation, but I always felt he was distinguished by his compassion. He was not afraid of alienating his conservative colleagues by advocating welfare reform or help for the aged or help for the handicapped. But, he was also quick to tell the advocates of those social causes when he thought their idealism outstripped our financial resources.

Those qualities of conservatism and compassion made BILL KETCHUM universally respected among all Members of the House of Representatives, and I know of few others who were more deserving of that respect. The people of BILL's district and State have lost an outstanding spokesman for their interests. The Members of the House have lost a man who could be a formidable opponent or a staunch ally, but always a good friend. The country has lost a great American.

Mr. BURGNER. Mr. Speaker, everyone who knew him swore he was indestructible, but when he left us on June 24, 1978, he reminded us that he, and we, are not. Why did we think of him as indestructible? Because he was so strong, and so tough—in so many ways. And yet, underneath that toughness was a gentleness and a compassion that made BILL KETCHUM the study in contradictions that any man who is indeed complete and whole, must be.

What made this colorful, plain talking, blunt, and masterfully articulate man give to all who knew him that undeniable presence of raw strength and unbreakable fiber? Two of his great life experiences come to my mind as perhaps the largest contributors to the image and the fact.

The first was as a combat infantry officer in the South Pacific Theatre during World War II. While millions of Americans served honorably during that great conflict, relatively few were involved directly in combat with the enemy. **BILL KETCHUM** was one of the few. He knew death firsthand—it was all around him. And he served with bravery and distinction and survived—coming out of the horrors of the battlefield with a new appreciation of life and a greatly reduced fear of death. And so this patriotic and almost fearless infantryman must have earned some of his toughness, from the battlefield in the service of his country.

The second of **BILL KETCHUM**'s life experiences which helped form the fibers of strength which characterized him were his years on the soil as a young and exceedingly hard-working farmer in his native California. He became a successful farmer the hard way. With no inherited land or capital he scratched it out with blood, sweat, and tears. He went through all the knuckle-bursting aggravation of repairing farm machinery and implements because there was not the money for the newest or the best, and like all farmers who did it the hard way he had to learn all the skills of mechanics and agronomy by doing it all himself. And he never forgot the exhaustion of the sunrise to sunset days as later he became one of the most aggressive and persuasive voices in the California State Legislature and in the Congress of the United States for agriculture, the biggest and most vital industry in his home State of California.

BILL KETCHUM did many other things with his life—but to this observer and friend, the combat in war, and the farming in peace were the two life experiences which made **BILL KETCHUM** the tough, yet compassionate human being he was.

His wife Lola, his son Bob, and his daughter Kathy can and will take great pride in his contribution to our Nation as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the 18th District of California—the position he held at the time of his death. After distinguished service on the House Committee on the Interior during his first term, he was unanimously selected to fill a vacancy on the powerful and heavily sought after Ways and Means Committee.

It was on this committee, and particularly on the subcommittees which dealt with public assistance and social security that **BILL KETCHUM** made what I believe to be a major contribution to our

national well-being. In spite of BILL's reputation as a tightfisted fiscal conservative, he had a sensibility and understanding of the needs of the elderly, the handicapped, and the disadvantaged second to none in the Congress. His legislative experience in Sacramento served him well. He was able to quickly and accurately differentiate between the wasteful and the essential in terms of public policy and public expenditures. He constantly and consistently advanced those programs which would better serve the aged, the dependent children, the disabled, and the seriously disadvantaged. He personally organized, for key Members of Congress, bipartisan seminars in the field of public assistance or social welfare. This was done without fanfare or commotion, and the sole object was to bring Members of the House together in a better and more informed manner—so as to better legislate in this controversial and important area.

His skills and his industry will be sorely missed in this area—in which our society has indeed recognized that the welfare and the well-being of every American is of vital concern to us all.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to Congressman BILL KETCHUM, a man we all loved. And to his widow, Lola, we look forward to years of close friendship, where together we can pay the highest of all tribute to BILL—namely to live rich, meaningful, and happy lives—enriched by his memory and secure in the knowledge we will all be together again.

Mr. SCHULZE. Mr. Speaker, on June 24, 1978, our Nation suffered a great loss. That loss was the untimely death of our colleague, and my friend, WILLIAM M. KETCHUM.

The residents of the 18th District of California lost an able, competent, articulate representative and the State of California lost a forceful and reasoned voice in Washington and the citizens of our Nation have lost a mature, intelligent advocate whose major concern was the future of our great Nation.

I personally feel a tremendous sense of loss as it was my good fortune to sit next to BILL KETCHUM on the Ways and Means Committee. Words cannot express the value of his guidance, counsel, and advice.

I know firsthand of his dedicated commitment to a solid, responsive Government moving in the direction of wise, practical tax policies.

He was always willing to fight for his principles no matter what the odds. He often fought and often lost but never was diminished in his dedicated enthusiasm. BILL was also something of a legislative prophet, and all of the prophecies which he shared with me either came to pass or are now becoming apparent with the passage of time.

He loved the people of the 18th District and respected their opinions, often sharing with me bits and pieces of constituent mail. Although he spent much time in Washington, his heart was in his California home.

The Congress of the United States has many who are well known for their quick wit and sense of humor, but BILL KETCHUM took a back seat to no one in this area. His humor, sometimes gentle, sometimes barbed, was ever present. Many were the times when his wit lessened the tensions of both this body and the Ways and Means Committee.

I do not believe that there was an ounce of hypocrisy in his body. Yet he had an uncanny knack for sensing when another Member allowed a bit of hypocrisy to creep into a public or private pronouncement and the ability to expose it with a smile and a laugh.

Yes, BILL will be sorely missed but his wife, Lola, his children and grandchildren can be justly proud of his service to our Nation. Although he is no longer with us physically. He will be with us in spirit wherever free men gather to determine the future of nations and the welfare of their citizens.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, BILL KETCHUM was an honest-to-goodness legislative character. He was as distinct in legislative matters as his fighting Irish jaw was always jutting out in combat. He was an absolute competitor. And most of all, we knew exactly where BILL KETCHUM stood on every issue, and even on every amendment. He was as predictable as the Moon, and the stars and the Sun, and sometimes even more dependable. That does not mean he always voted one way. His voting pattern was broad and compassionate. But, once he decided on an issue—and he did it quickly—he was as solid and steady and dependable as a man could be.

If he gave you his word on a given matter, then you could lock the door and throw away the key. KETCHUM would be there, and when he got there—on the floor—he was no blushing violet. He was as tough as an Irish sergeant; and as outspoken as a football coach on

homecoming day. There was no in between in KETCHUM. He was all with you—or all against you—and you knew the difference.

Yet never once do I recall a time when BILL KETCHUM was unfair. Tough as a boot, but fair.

When the Congress loses a man of this integrity and character we have lost a valuable asset.

We have lost a beautiful friendship, and the country has lost a bit of its granite structure. We have lost “Old Iron Pants,” but, ah, so much has been left us by this true American.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, at first, I would like to associate myself with the remarks of our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. Burgener).

In BILL KETCHUM's death his lovely wife lost a loving husband, his children a doting parent, our country a great patriot, our House a hard-working and conscientious colleague, and myself a dear friend. Truly, BILL KETCHUM represented the best, and he was in the real meaning of the term a conservative. He believed in conserving the best of our heritage. He believed that individual initiative and effort must dominate the motivation of all of our people.

But, he also knew that there were those in our society who for many reasons, most of which reasons individuals had no personal control over, could not help themselves. This quality of kindness and compassion led him to play an enormously important role in bettering the lives of hundreds of thousands of people less fortunate than most of our fellows; and more particularly, the needy, aged, crippled, and blind in our country.

Those of us in this House know, the political leadership of our insular areas know—and I might note parenthetically that in an unprecedented action, all of them flew their flags at half-mast this past Monday and Tuesday—that no person has played a more fundamentally constructive and effective role in seeing that the residents of the Pacific Trust Territories, and our fellow Americans in the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas Islands—no person has played a more important role than the discerning and sensitive role played by this strong, decent man.

He will be sorely missed. Those whose lives BILL KETCHUM touched learned to care for him and love him deeply, and I was honored to have known him.

Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am proud and privileged to follow the eloquent and very moving presentation of our chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. Phillip Burton), with whom I have shared the responsibilities associated with the trust territories, along with BILL KETCHUM, the individual we are honoring and eulogizing here today.

BILL KETCHUM was truly a rugged individualist and his life and career will stand as a lasting tribute and a monument to all that BILL did and stood for. As most in the Chamber know, we shared many hours of conversation because of one of our first loves, that of aviation. BILL KETCHUM was a pilot and he was a perfectionist. When I consider the manner in which BILL addressed his legislative responsibilities, I concluded early that he was a man of his word, of principle and purpose, and, above all, a real champion for the people he represented.

I am going to miss BILL tremendously, but I think I can share with my chairman the words outlined in the colloquy that took place on the floor earlier this week. It is the intention of the gentleman from California (Mr. Phillip Burton) and Mr. Lagomarsino, myself, and all that are here participating in this eulogy to advance something of a lasting reminder of BILL's service, hopefully in an appropriate monument somewhere in the offshore islands. This will be advanced in the future in the form of an amendment to a pending bill.

The loss of BILL KETCHUM is a tragedy in that a remarkable man in the prime of his life was not allowed to make his full mark on the U.S. House of Representatives. His loss creates a void that will not soon be filled.

He was a pro in the very best sense of the word. He kept his close contact with the people of his district while always extending his reputation as one of the finest legislators in the House.

BILL was salty and colorful. He typified the great State of California as it is both fiction and reality.

BILL KETCHUM was truly a man of the people. He rendered magnificent service to his State and the Nation. All who knew him recognized him as one who inspired friendship and confidence, whose word was his bond, and who battled for the things in which he believed, regardless of the odds against him.

It was a pleasure for me to work with BILL KETCHUM during his all too brief service in the House and his legislative accomplishments will stand forever as a lasting testament to his skill and vision.

He was an articulate and courageous spokesman. He was unyielding in his devotion to honesty and principle. BILL represented the very best in public service.

Few men have made such an outstanding contribution to the Nation in such a short time. We will miss BILL KETCHUM, but his high standards will be a model for all.

To his wife, Lola, and their family, we in the Congress, say thank you for sharing his life and talents with us.

BILL has many friends in my congressional district commonly referred to as Redwood Country.

Like the big trees of Redwood Country, BILL KETCHUM stood tall in the forest of the big men of this country. We shall miss him tremendously because no one, I repeat, no one, will ever take his place.

There was only one BILL KETCHUM. He was one of my closest friends and counselors.

God will be kindly to his soul. He will preserve and protect him and his beautiful family forevermore.

Mr. DEL CLAWSON. Mr. Speaker, there is an irreplaceable void in the House today and few occasions for comments for the Record during my congressional experience have caused so much personal sadness and trauma as this special order in honor of our late colleague, BILL KETCHUM.

BILL joined us 6 years ago and right away his presence was like a fresh breeze, sweeping away cobwebs of stiffness and pretentious ceremony. His disposition for the direct approach to problems rather than the circuitous route, his ready wit, his refusal to use two words when one would do—as well as his special talent for the choice of those words he did use—quickly earned him the reputation of a valuable ally. These same qualities made him a man you were not likely to view with joy on the other side when the issue line was drawn in the House, whether in floor debate or in committee, or even in the sports field.

BILL KETCHUM represented a district crackling with diversity, a district of farmland as well as urban concerns, and oil rich fields, including Elk Hills. It includes Kern, Inyo, and a portion of Los

Angeles County. He was responsive and attentive to the interests of the people he represented. This attentiveness gained him the strength at the polls which also contributed to his success in the House. His own experience in cattle raising and as a rancher aided him in understanding the problems of farmers in his district. His service in our California Assembly equipped him with the legislative skills which quickly became apparent in his work in the House of Representatives.

BILL always did his "homework." He did not fail in his congressional duties no matter how tedious or arduous they might be. In fact, just before we left for the sad journey to California to pay our last respects with his family, members of the California Republican delegation received a notice prepared earlier under BILL's guidance as secretary of our delegation concerning a delegation meeting. The delegation did meet on the appointed day, but in the sad and unhappy setting of BILL's memorial service in Bakersfield, the very heart of his congressional district. The notice testified however, to his personal responsibility and the efficiency of his office operation.

"BILL," "KETCH," "TIGER," whatever your choice of salutation when speaking of or to our colleague, you knew he appreciated the title as an endearing term and reciprocated in kind. His logical and most frequently conservative opinions and ideas were presented with complete candor and openness. Did you ever have to "guess" where BILL stood on an issue? His vote along with the other "K's" of the minority side of the aisle provided a "bellwether" for Republican political positions. All that was necessary was to look at the lighted, electric voting panel and start with Kasten, then Kelly, Kemp, KETCHUM, and Kindness. If they were together, you were pretty safe to follow their lead. We have lost one of the very valued members of the Republican five "K's." We join all our colleagues in mourning the loss and extending our sympathies and condolences to Lola and members of BILL's family in the loss of this good man and distinguished American.

Mr. ERLNBORN. Mr. Speaker, the loss of our colleague and my good friend, BILL KETCHUM, came as a shock to each of us.

BILL was a man who, though he spent only a few short years as a Member of this body, earned the respect of us all.

BILL did not hesitate to speak out to be sure his views got a fair hearing. He was not afraid to engage any Member in debate who fostered a position BILL thought was in error.

Despite his fighting spirit, BILL was also one of the most thoughtful Members of this House.

BILL KETCHUM was a conservative; a label he wore proudly and one which he urged others to wear.

In his way, he was the conscience of the House. It has been written that conscience is a still, small voice that makes minority reports.

BILL KETCHUM's was a strong, earnest voice which made minority reports.

That voice has been stilled. It shall be missed.

Mr. ROBINSON. Mr. Speaker, because of his always-evident energy, it was a distinct shock to us all to receive the word that we had lost our affable, hard-working colleague, BILL KETCHUM.

In my case, there was the realization that one of my best friends among those who had entered this House more recently than I no longer would be on hand to talk over with me legislative problems and the state of the Federal finances.

We did not serve on the same committee, but BILL's conscientious attention to the complex matters under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means permitted him to pass on counsel of value to me as a member of the Committee on Appropriations.

We shared a concern for the problems of agriculture and of the national defense. BILL KETCHUM labored diligently in the interest of the congressional district he represented, but he thought out his positions on major legislation in terms of the broad national interest. He was in all respects a valuable effective Member of this body.

He would go out of his way to assist in what he regarded as the cause of good government, and to help a friend. Strong in my memories of him will be the times when, at my request, he came into Virginia, at no personal advantage to himself, to speak in his convincing way in behalf of the principles and candidates of his party.

With a feeling of great personal loss, Kit and I offer our condolences to BILL's wife, Lola, and his family. In so doing I know I also express the sentiments of our distinguished former colleague, the Honorable Stan Parris, the closest friend BILL had in Virginia.

Mrs. BURKE of California. Mr. Speaker, in the past year untimely deaths have taken from us an unfortunate number of able colleagues. I am especially saddened by the passing of WILLIAM M. KETCHUM. BILL will be greatly missed by all of us who were members of the California delegation.

BILL was born and raised in my district in Los Angeles. He moved north to Paso Robles and began his illustrious political career through which we became acquainted. We were elected to the State assembly in 1966 and to the House in 1972; our paralleled careers fostered a continuing friendship. As fellow Californians, BILL KETCHUM and I shared much in our great State. Our regional brotherhood contributed to a mutual understanding strengthened in our tenures in State government.

We disagreed upon occasion in House debate, as we had in the assembly, because we belonged to different parties. However, the bond that linked us as Californians and as friends kept us both good natured and objective adversaries. As an opponent I regarded him as extremely capable, straightforward, and sincere.

Few people demonstrate that strength of moral character which leads them to act without fear of reprisals on what they believe to be true. WILLIAM M. KETCHUM was this type of person: The 18th District of California, this body, and the Nation have suffered a great loss.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, Lola, his two children, and his four grandchildren.

Mrs. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, as we have heard today when we lost BILL KETCHUM the Congress lost a valued Member, and I lost a dear friend. We came to Congress together in the class elected in 1972.

Alert, bright, and experienced in the Legislature of California, a State as big as many nations, BILL KETCHUM adapted quickly to Congress. But he was never too busy to help other freshmen Members or to cooperate with them in the practical matters of working into the system of this extraordinary place.

Of all the great qualities BILL had, I think the most amazing talent was a talent for reaching out to people—the great, the humble, the lonely, the weary—to show special concern for them and their problems. There was a quality of tenderness and caring that always came

through his tough, profane manner and made one feel important and loved.

BILL KETCHUM was a warm, but competitive, person. He had strong convictions, and we admired his commitment to principle. Many times I listened with great admiration as he stood in the well and articulately and persuasively expressed a profound insight. He was a self-made man with an amazing store of knowledge.

He was a man of courage and deeply felt patriotism. An Army veteran of both World War II and the Korean war, his service in action brought him the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

I miss him very much. I pray that Lola and his family will be comforted.

Mr. BADHAM. Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House, I find it personally a somewhat unique experience which does not often come when I share the emotions of my close friend and former colleague in the State legislature from the other side of the aisle, the Honorable Phillip Burton of California, because it is not often that he and I agreed. I think that this is one of the occasions upon which I would desire to associate myself with his remarks, and also particularly with the remarks of the other Members of the alumni of the California State Legislature who served together in that body.

It is with the heaviest of hearts that I take this time to address this House on this occasion as we pay final tribute to our departed friend, BILL KETCHUM. Words such as these unfortunately have a hollow and cold ring particularly when one uses mere words to express tribute to a departed friend.

It is impossible to put into words memories, experiences, and unforgettable aspects of a close relationship over many years. I feel that the Nation has lost a valued servant, strong supporter, and fiercely dedicated patriot. We, as Members of this body, have lost a valued, hard-working, beloved colleague. His family has lost husband, father, grandfather, truly loved, highly respected. My loss has been that of a trusted and valued friend, counselor, guide, competitor, and colleague.

In our years as close friends and colleagues in the State legislature and then in the Congress, it has been my great privilege with BILL KETCHUM to have worked and played together. Together we have talked, hunted, fished, legislated, swam, exercised, competed, gam-

bled, ate, drank, and lived that good life that creates the bonds of friendship that are truly never forgotten.

To all of us who knew him and mourn him now, though that surely would not have been his wish, we remember BILL KETCHUM as indomitable, irrepressible, immutable, irascible, and perhaps above all, irreplaceable.

His memory will live beyond forgetting, as in life he was unable to forget a friend. To his family, Lola, his children and grandchildren, we say thank you for sharing BILL with us, and may the memory of his love sustain you. To him we say goodby, good friend.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, BILL KETCHUM was a good man for all of the reasons that have been stated. He was good to people. When one served on the Committee on Ways and Means with the jumble of numbers and technicalities, one realized that he was also a fun person, a fun man. He was not one who was black or white; he was pure technicolor. He had sparkle.

I have seen many of these special orders through the years, as others have. Generally speaking, they seem to be somewhat sparsely attended. This one seems interminable and that in itself is a supreme tribute to BILL KETCHUM.

Mr. Speaker, the words written by Edwar Markham on the occasion of the untimely death of one of BILL's fellow Republicans, Abraham Lincoln, come to my mind to illustrate, I think, what we all mean when we say we shall miss his vibrance and his fun and his sparkle.

Markham wrote:

And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down,
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

Mr. BAUMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I rise today to deliver my own tribute to our late colleague, BILL KETCHUM of California. My sadness is prompted not only by the fact that his wisdom and counsel will henceforth be denied us by his untimely passing, but because we will also be denied his personal presence which meant so much to all of those who knew him as a personal friend, and, I might add, as somewhat of a "Dutch uncle."

There was never any doubt where BILL KETCHUM stood on an issue when he made up his mind. He was as rugged as the land and people who sent him to Congress. He was a tough conservative who knew his beliefs and stood by his principles even when it meant standing alone. But he was certainly not predictable. On more than one occasion when I thought I could predict BILL's stand his impeccable logic produced a different result and made me rethink my own mind on the matter. While many of us of the conservative persuasion in the House often seem to share in an automatic communion of views on any given issue, KETCH, as we called him, would challenge us with his sharp retorts and barbs until our views were refined with a far greater clarity than before.

He could be sarcastic. He could be rough. But he always provoked a strong response because his own mind was strong, as was his indomitable will. I watched him in the Interior Committee on which we both served, I saw him daily on the floor. As he fought hard for his view he never left the field of battle without making sure that his temporary legislative foes were also his friends in real life. His courtly manners toward the gentlewomen of the House were well known and his gruff demeanor was usually reserved for the males of the specie, few of whom could match his ability with succinct and explicit use of the English language.

My own wife, Carol, was especially taken with BILL when we met him and his wife, Lola, for the first time. It was a dinner at the Capitol Hill Club and his first impression of friendliness to my wife and his terse characterization of me and my activities on the floor, sarcastic but true, captivated Carol while I sat in rueful silence acknowledging the truth of his statements.

What can one say about a friend when he leaves this life, except to mourn his passing, and console his wife and family. That I certainly do today, because all of us will miss BILL KETCHUM.

But more than that, I would refer to a recent article by Henry Fairlie in the Washington Post, a journal which does not always inspire me. Writing last Sunday about the poor estate into which preaching has fallen in the United States since our early days as a Republic, Mr. Fairlie quoted a 17th century preacher from New England, Samuel Willard, who spoke on the occasion of the death of Thomas Savage, one of the "pillars" of New England. Said this long ago divine:

When the Pillars are gone, how shall the building stand? When the Watchmen are asleep, who shall descry, and warn us of the enemies approach? When the Wall is plucked down, and the hedge removed, who shall keep out the Bore of the Wilderness? When the Gap-men are taken away, who shall stand in the breaches? When the lights are put out, who shall direct me in the right way? When the Chariot and Horsemen of *Israel* are removed, who shall defend us from misery and mischief?

Who indeed? **BILL KETCHUM** has left us, but no one would deny that he did all that he could while he was here, to serve his fellow man, to advance his beliefs, and also in spite of himself, he endeared himself to those who knew him. And if he were with us this sunny Thursday afternoon, as he was but a week ago, I know what his advice would be. "Why don't you guys just insert your statement in the Record so we can go out and play golf?"

Mr. MOORHEAD of California. Mr. Speaker, **BILL KETCHUM** cannot be replaced in our lives and our hearts, but in a way he is going to be with us for a long, long time.

I find myself coming into this Chamber and seeing him walking out the door and down the aisle. I really cannot get it through my mind that he is gone from us.

I met **BILL** about 12 years ago when we both were freshly elected members of the State legislature in California. We were with a group of newly elected members visiting various parts of our State. It soon became certain that **BILL** was going to be one of those leaders that became a very important part of the political scene.

I think one thing about him that we do not always realize at once is that he pretended to be tough, but **BILL** had a soft heart for anybody that he could help, for anyone that needed any kind of assistance, **BILL** was there standing ready to help in any way he could. When his friends were sick, he would visit them regularly in the hospital. For anyone who was less fortunate than he, he would try to find a way to help.

I think one thing **BILL** really hated was any kind of pretense or phoniness. He had a way of really kidding his friends that showed any signs along that way. He would tell them, "Just knock it off. You know this is right. You know you've got to do the right thing. Go ahead and do it. Don't just stand there and talk about what you might do. Go out and accomplish the thing that is necessary to be done."

BILL was one of those people that made himself felt wherever he went. His presence was always known on this floor, because you knew where he stood. He would tell people his position. You would not always be able to predict in advance, but you knew he would not be neutral. When you would go through his district in California, you would realize that here was a politician that was loved, not because they always agreed with BILL, because they did not. He had a district that had some very wealthy people and a district that had an awful lot of poor people that needed help of various kinds. It did not matter who it was, in Bakersfield or Paso Robles where he came from, or out in Antelope Valley. It did not matter where it was, because people loved BILL, because they knew he would tell them the truth. If he said something, he meant it down deep in his heart. Nothing was done for political expediency. Nothing was done to get a vote. If it cost him an election, he would tell them where he stood and he would fight for those things he believed in.

I think most of us that knew BILL loved him and loved him deeply. We will miss him as a very real part of our lives. I know that Lola misses him so much. She lived with him for 34 years. All we can say is God bless you. We know that wherever you are the Lord is with you and that you will be fighting for those things you believe in.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, BILL came from an adjoining district to mine, but he farmed and knew the people in a part of my district, the Paso Robles area. As a result, I began early to rely on BILL's experience in and knowledge of Congress.

His experience in the legislature was extensive. His knowledge of issues, especially relating to agriculture, welfare, and social security, was really second to none. He could be relied upon for a straight opinion and could accurately assess the impact a particular provision would have on people.

But most importantly, as a freshman Member, I will always remember BILL KETCHUM for two special qualities. The first is independence. He did not rely on leadership or on party or on special interests. He relied on his own conscience and what he believed was right or wrong on a particular issue.

The second quality is that he always spoke his mind. He was honest and direct, and you always knew where he stood on an issue.

So, Mr. Speaker, while we will all miss him a great deal and our sympathies go out to his wife and family, I think we can take some comfort from the fact that those two qualities—of independence and honesty—will continue on in this Chamber in other Members and in the actions of this House.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of BILL KETCHUM was a tragic event. The sudden passing of a colleague and friend is always a shock. In BILL KETCHUM's case it was doubly so since the last time I saw him in the cloakroom he was in the best of spirits and asking when we were going to play golf again. BILL was a dear friend and I am sure going to miss him around here. I just cannot envision his being gone.

BILL was admired and respected not only by those of us in the minority, but by Members of the majority as well. When you consider that many of our debates are conducted with intensity and deep feeling it is a tribute to BILL KETCHUM's memory to say that while he always spoke his mind, he never cut off lines of communication with those who might disagree with him. You knew where BILL KETCHUM stood and he recognized your right to take your stand. That is the essence of our system and he personified it.

He will be long remembered by the elderly for the fine work he did on social security earnings limitations. Anyone seeking to read a concise, learned, and informative essay on the problems of social security should read BILL KETCHUM's article, "Is There a Positive Approach to Social Security?" in the recently published volume, *Can You Afford This House?* BILL had concerns for the problems of the elderly and he realized that the social security system is not perfect. His view was that we should not simply complain about the problems of the system, but do something about them. His fine essay will remain a standard guide for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, our side of the aisle is weakened by the loss of BILL KETCHUM. He could be a most vigorous partisan here in debate and he enjoyed a good verbal scrap. As the Republican whip, I could always count on BILL's vote when it counted and the going was rough.

But more than anything else, I have lost a dear friend personally and for that I am deeply saddened. My sympathy goes out to Lola and the other members of the family where the void is even more profound.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, as a new friend of BILL's, I can add little to what has been said, because it has all been said by others who are older and wiser and who have said it better than I could say it—by other Members: Congressmen Burgener, Bauman, Moorhead of California, and the others.

But the one thing that comes to me is that I feel the loss of the presence of the fellow—the presence of one who had an enormous vitality, a zest for life, a love of this House and of those who serve in it, and a love of the country we all serve.

He was a fine example of candor and courage—not much for compromise but a lot for choice. And somehow I think we remember those who stand for choice.

So in summing up, I will miss the awareness and mourn the loss of his presence, and that is the source of my sadness.

And when I respectfully reflect on it and look ahead at where we are, for a split second I realize my temporary day here is coming to a conclusion, and I begin to tremble when I realize I will have to face it, too. But I am reassured that I will see KETCHUM again and I will know him in that remarkable assembly of souls. Believe me, when I see him, he will not be sprawling or prostrate, but, like the very truth itself that he stood for, he will be standing erect.

Mr. JOHN T. MYERS. Mr. Speaker, 6 years ago, an enthusiastic and scrappy fellow came to Congress to represent the 18th District of California. Not too many in Congress outside of his colleagues from California knew this fellow at that time. A short time later, everyone in the House knew him because he made them know him. He became more than just an acquaintance or a casual friend. To everyone he came in contact, a respect and fondness developed.

He never backed away from a controversy. He listened to all the facts, weighed both sides, and then made a decision. Regardless of the odds or prospects of success, when he felt he was right, he battled for the cause he believed in.

Off the floor of the House, he was equally competitive. In sports he was fun and a great competitor. Socially, he was always most congenial and fun to be with.

His State of California which he was most proud of, his Nation, his friends, and his family have lost a great dedicated person. Our

society is a greater place because he lived, he cared, and he unselfishly gave.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with his wife, Lola, and his family.

We all remember and are happy in the memory that we knew him and could call him a friend.

We remember and we will miss WILLIAM M. "BILL" KETCHUM, a great guy.

Mr. SYMMS. Mr. Speaker, a lot has been said here. I would like to associate myself with the fine remarks made by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. O'Brien) just a few moments ago.

Many of us here feel that BILL was one of the best friends we have ever had. I have only known him for 5½ years, since we were sworn in 1973. Nonetheless, he was a good friend, counselor, and adviser to me; and I will miss him very much.

One of the things I liked about him was his willingness to take a stand on any issue that he was equal to, also his sense of humor, and the manner in which he showed that sense of humor.

Of course, as many Republicans here know, back in 1976 during the election campaign, our former colleague, President Ford, was running for reelection. It was not too popular to be a Reagan Republican or on the Reagan Republican team. However, that did not faze BILL KETCHUM. He jumped right in and started talking about how great a Governor Mr. Reagan was and so forth. He became identified with the Reagan campaign.

Mr. Speaker, I remember one day when we were sitting together, where the gentleman from California (Mr. Rousselot) is right now. I was sitting in that empty seat there, and KETCH was right by me. Speaker O'Neill was in the Chair. The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. Rhodes) was at the Republican desk, and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Wright) was at the Democratic desk.

KETCH had been waiting for this chance to get a 1-minute speech. He was recognized and went into the well, looked back at the Speaker, and started talking about the fact that during the energy crisis we had Oldsmobiles to save gas but then we switched to Lincoln Continentals.

He did not give the speech that he had wanted when he had proceeded into the well. One could just see the humor coming out of his eyes when he got out on the floor and gave that wry grin of his.

When he got back to his seat, he said, "How do you like that job?"

Mr. Speaker, the farmers loved **BILL KETCHUM** because he tried to provide opportunity for entrepreneurship.

BILL was a soldier in World War II and was decorated for bravery. He never stopped fighting for what he thought to be right.

Mr. Speaker, may I say to his wife, Lola, and his son and daughter, whom I have had the opportunity to meet, I wish to thank them for the opportunity I had to be associated with him. I am happy I knew **KETCH** and considered him a good friend.

Mr. Speaker, I agree that we all will see **KETCH** again sometime, somewhere, and God bless him.

Mr. **BOB WILSON**. Mr. Speaker, it is impressive to me that so many of **BILL**'s former colleagues in the State legislature, some on the other side of the aisle and some here on this side of the aisle, have that same affection that we have.

Mr. **McEWEN**. Mr. Speaker, I thought nothing could exceed the feeling of shock when I learned of **BILL KETCHUM**'s death, but the sadness that I felt—and I know we have all felt—in the ensuing days exceeds it. It just does not seem possible that he is not here with us in our midst; he was so much a part of all of our lives. There has been eloquent testimony to his ability as a legislator, his interest in this country and its people. He was interested in all of us and what we were doing, Mr. Speaker.

He not only was concerned with legislation for which he had a direct, immediate responsibility, but the legislation of so many of us, as the gentleman from California (Mr. Panetta) said, concerning his interest in a bill that the gentleman was sponsoring.

I would just like to say for this Record and for my colleagues concerning that great sense of humor of his, that he early spotted that I had a piece of legislation which to my area and one little village in the Adirondack Mountains was quite important. That was the authorization of the support of this country through this Congress for the 1980 Winter Olympic Games. He assured me that when that authorizing legislation came to this floor, he would have an amendment, Mr. Speaker. He said:

It is a simple amendment, but I want you to know I am going to offer an amendment. It will just strike four words and add three words. I am going to strike "Lake Placid, New York," and add three words, "Squaw Valley, California."

He used to threaten me with that. Then, as it got closer he said:

I don't know whether I am threatening you with this. You may really want me to do that before this is over, and take all these problems off your hands.

So, the day the authorizing legislation reached the floor he reminded me that this was the day he was doing that. But, of course he did not, and of course he enthusiastically supported my efforts. But, from that day on, Mr. Speaker, he would frequently say:

Don't you wish I had offered that amendment so that we would have the problems in California and you would not have them up there in your Adirondack country of New York?

I cite that as just an illustration of **BILL KETCHUM**. It was not legislation; it was not a piece of paper that had House resolution and a number on it.

It was something that a colleague was interested in, that people were interested in, and that is what interested him.

So, Mr. Speaker, we shall all miss him. And to Lola and his children and grandchildren, our sympathy goes to them and, yes, as it has been said, our thanks go to them for letting us share him and having some of his time and his just wonderful warm friendship and interest in all of us.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I was reticent at first to rise today because I knew Mr. KETCHUM least well of all of those in the California delegation. With the deep emotion I have seen expressed here and the relating of some of the almost lifelong friendships, I thought what could I add to the eloquent words already spoken?

I do not like funerals, but I love wakes. I assume it is the Irish in me. I have seen two deeply emotional moments in this House that have fascinated me far more than the great moments of intellectual combat that go on on a regular basis. One involved the depth of feeling at the "Happy Warrior's" appearance in this House in one of the last public appearances of the late Senator Hubert Humphrey. Another one I witnessed today with the ideological opposite of Mr. KETCHUM, the distinguished Congressman from California (Mr. Phillip Burton) crying unashamedly because of his depth of feeling for his late adversary.

Like the Cheshire cat in Alice in Wonderland, some unforgettable people leave behind a great visual image. It is easy to conjure up some

attitudinal expression of theirs or some physical expression. BILL KETCHUM's squareness of jaw and his darting blue eyes are a strong impression and image left in the House cloakroom.

I stood at the front of this desk just a week ago this afternoon, putting something in the Record, and "KETCH" walked behind me and whacked me hard on the backside and said: "Dornan, nobody is going to read that crap and propaganda you are putting in there." And the next day, his last day here, he mumbled under his breath: "I enjoyed what you put in the Record yesterday, Dornan."

I am not the earliest of our arrivers at our regular Tuesday California delegation meetings. One morning I purposely set my clock in the right direction and arrived half an hour early. I was the first one in the office. "KETCH" was second. He looked at me directly and said: "Are you sick, Dornan? Are you ill, getting here this early?"

He was one of the most direct people I have ever met in my life, and I was not aware for a long time of the warmth under that directness. I always thought I got off on a terribly bad footing with KETCHUM because in an act of exuberance when Nazi terrorists were holding a city at siege, I offered rather facetiously some Congressmen as hostages, and I think he felt I was offering him as a hostage.

I think he thought that I was indirectly offering him as a hostage. No "guttier" man ever lived, but he let me know, in no uncertain terms, in the cloakroom, that he thought this was about the stupidest move he had ever seen a freshman Congressman make.

I thought he had taken some personal umbrage at some press attention which the "new meat" around here gets, until I saw the printed words that any criticism of what I was doing was just sour grapes. And I was over in the Capitol Hill Club a few weeks ago, and the distinguished gentleman from New York was enjoying a moment also, when Mr. KETCHUM came by my table—and I had flown an aircraft in Mr. McEwen's district—BILL said, "Don't you ever enter my district without first getting my permission." I thought he was just kidding. It turned out the next day that he was not just kidding. He felt that proprietary fashion about his beloved 18th District so much so that he felt it was really "KETCHUM turf."

And I realized that when I saw the tour that comes here each year from his district, the Ketchum tour in Washington, D.C. I

remember how he would personally take such great delight in directing his constituents around our beautiful Federal City, and then wining and dining them as one of their final moments in the Capitol Hill Club. He truly was a representative for his people in the best sense of the word.

I wondered once how a man could be so direct until I noticed, in looking into his office one day while walking by it, that Japanese battle flag on his wall and I realized that he had picked up his love of life, and his directness, from the crucible of the battlefield where he was a bona fide hero.

I want to touch again on that moment in the well here by Mr. Phillip Burton. A wake is beneficial if you can take something away from it, that you at least promise yourself that that moment you will not forget. I will never forget the emotion expressed by Mr. Burton for someone 180 degrees out of phase with his ideology and approach to government.

When I first saw Mr. Burton and Mr. KETCHUM sitting side by side in our cloakroom on this side of the aisle, it was the first time I realized that they are not restricted cloakrooms that are allotted as the private preserves only for each respective party.

I said to BILL afterward, "How did you get along with Phillip Burton? You are trying to undo everything he is trying to do?"

He said, "Well, as a freshman legislator you will realize that some of the best friendships are formed with political opposites here, that we all love our country, albeit in different ways."

I think I will try, however long God permits my course here, to remember that BILL KETCHUM was the personification of how to disagree while not being disagreeable; how to be direct and straightforward and hardheaded, without losing the warmth beneath that endears you to a friend who finds a totally different road or path in life.

Like that Cheshire cat, I will always see that jutting jawbone in both cloakrooms.

I do not presume that there is anything I can say that would truly ease the grief of the wife and family of our late departed colleague from the State of California, BILL KETCHUM. I say this because I am unable to recall the joys experienced by BILL's family, as a father, husband, and grandfather. I did not share those happy moments,

which are truly personal and intimate, that his family experienced. Those sacred moments belong to BILL's select circle, and provide the deep personal foundation for his family's grief.

All of us in this House are public servants. And we must not presume that any eloquence that God gave us can have some kind of special meaning, some exalted stature, that can better serve to heal the sorrows of close family and friends. No, we are poor mortals, destined to the same end, the inevitable equalizer of rich and poor, humble and proud, the famous and the infamous. We have been blessed with life, but only barely do we comprehend its vast mysteries. We are only human, and there our poor power stops. Our consolations to BILL's family, like the very lives we lead, must necessarily be imperfect.

No, Mr. Speaker, we are in a much better position to console ourselves. Because we knew of BILL's contributions to this House. We felt his presence. We allied ourselves with him on some issues and did battle with him on others. Therefore, we can speak with greater assurance and with far better understanding of his loss to us.

I did not find myself consistently in agreement with BILL KETCHUM but almost. We had our few differences. But we shared a common outlook on public policy, and a common belief in the Providential destiny of this Republic. If anything, BILL was a solid man. He was a firm believer in a strong national defense and an unequivocal proponent of the expansion of personal freedom here at home. These were the twin pillars upon which he rested his judgments on issues foreign and domestic.

He came to this House in 1972. Previously, he had enjoyed an active and varied career in business and civic affairs, including a productive 6 years in the California Legislature, and was a soldier's soldier. He served this Republic in the toughest of all branches of U.S. Army, the infantry, during World War II. He also served in the Korean war and in Japan. His background was well known to us. So was the solidity of his convictions. Thus, our sense of loss, our sadness, is direct and immediate. But still, our attempts at consolation, if only to console ourselves, seem imperfect, short of the mark.

Mr. Speaker, on this Earth we can, and will, find no perfect consolation. What can it be that sustains us in our grief? When we are reminded, on an occasion such as this, of our mortality, what is it

that can give us hope? What can it possibly be that enables us to carry on, day in and day out, sure that our existence in this life is not some meaningless recycling of matter and energy, devoid of purpose or destiny? BILL KETCHUM knew the answer to this simple, yet profound, question. He was a Christian gentleman. He believed in the saving grace, goodness and infinite love of God. He knew a truth that so many fail to comprehend; That an infinitely powerful intellect, the architect of the universe, was born in a cave, and lived and died to break bread with simple fishermen. In that love, in that alone, there is consolation. Perfect consolation.

And for all of the heat of the controversies that surrounds us, for all of the pressures that impose themselves upon us, and for all of the importance that we attach to our own abilities, this we must remember: Life is short, and we must never fail to make the most of it, trying in whatever small way, to make our peace with the author of life itself.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, there is no perfect consolation. But to BILL's Lola, to his beloved children, Kathy and Robert, and to his four beautiful grandchildren, I offer my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. ANDERSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank both gentlemen from California for taking these special orders so that we can pay tribute to a good friend and colleague, BILL KETCHUM.

Mr. Speaker, in 1966 WILLIAM M. KETCHUM won his seat in the California Assembly while I was finishing my second term as Lieutenant Governor. Though I had served earlier in the assembly, it was not until the beginning of the 93d Congress, in 1973, that BILL and I held legislative office together. He had won the newly created 36th District seat in 1972—only to find himself redistricted the next year—a sequence of events I, too, experienced.

But, having survived two redistrictings and a Democratic landslide year, BILL KETCHUM won with 67 percent in 1976 and seemed to be in good political shape. Unfortunately, BILL's untimely death last Saturday reinforced what people say—that no matter how good we think our health may be, we must live each day like it may be our last.

BILL lived each day fully. Whether it was on the tennis court or at a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee, BILL KETCHUM'S

strong and active voice was heard. So were his efforts to assure his divergent constituency a better tomorrow.

Congressman KETCHUM's district is as diverse as a Member could hope to represent. Not only is it the western end of the Long Road from Oklahoma's Dust Bowl of the 1930's, it also is the home of the table grape producers in Delano. BILL KETCHUM represented both Caesar Chavez's UFW headquarters and the wine producers. Each no doubt will join me in expressing our sincere loss.

BILL KETCHUM was a cattle raiser, a farmer, a former Army infantryman, a father, and a grandfather. But above all, to us he was a dear friend and we will miss him.

My wife, Lee, joins me in extending our sympathy and sincere condolences to BILL's wife, Lola, their children, Robert and Kathy, and the rest of the family.

Mr. FRENZEL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to those who have paid their respects and this final tribute to our colleague, BILL KETCHUM. I was one of the fortunate ones who was able to attend the funeral on Tuesday and found it a moving experience. It was good to see so many of BILL's friends present. He was a good and fine colleague, a hard-working and an industrious member of our Committee on Ways and Means, and he will be severely missed not only in this committee but also in this House of Representatives.

I also want to express my deep sympathy to his wife, Lola, and to the entire Ketchum family.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, the House has lost a courageous and dedicated Member with the passing of BILL KETCHUM. As minority leader I will miss him greatly.

BILL KETCHUM was a man of unswerving principle, who held strong beliefs and was not afraid to fight for them against any odds. He believed in prudent Government, and in the free enterprise system as the source of America's greatness. He fought consistently against over-Government and waste in Federal expenditures.

He brought to Congress a firsthand knowledge of the problems facing the cattle business and was a fighter for a strong domestic beef industry.

As a person, BILL KETCHUM was a warm and vital individual, with a zest for living life to the utmost. I counted him among my friends, and am deeply saddened by his passing.

He served the Nation and his district with determination and distinction, and earned the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the political aisle.

His untimely passing is a loss for the House of Representatives, and for us who were privileged to work with him here.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened as I join in eulogizing the life and accomplishments of our late distinguished colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM KETCHUM. His untimely passing is a great loss not only to the 18th Congressional District of California, but also to the Congress and the Nation. His absence from the House will certainly be felt.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, BILL was a most effective spokesman for reforms in tax legislation; and he carried his responsibilities with a sense of deep concern knowing that the committee's action affects every American.

BILL was truly dedicated to public service, and lived up to the full measures of his responsibilities. He distinguished himself as an outstanding assemblyman in the California Legislature and he carried with him to Congress all the qualities and talents that are essential to the makeup of an effective legislator. He leaves rich memories for all of us who served with him.

As a rancher himself, he understood the unique problems facing cattlemen and was ever mindful of the feelings and viewpoint of the California farmers.

BILL KETCHUM was a respected legislator, loyal to his political ideals and principles and possessing strong convictions on issues he felt would point our Government in the right direction. In the short period of time which he served with us, he made a tremendous impression by demonstrating great qualities of leadership and truly great strength of character.

My wife, Pat, joins me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to Lola Ketchum, their two children, and the four grandchildren.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to add my voice to those who have already expressed themselves in paying tribute to

our colleague from California, Congressman BILL KETCHUM. His passing leaves a void here in the House, for he was a well-respected, valuable Member, whose actions reflected a sincere interest and concern for the well-being of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, in only 6 short years, BILL KETCHUM made his presence known. His perception for the rights and interests of his fellow citizens was demonstrated graphically in his successful sponsorship of the Ketchum amendment to the Social Security Amendments of 1977. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to observe BILL KETCHUM in his fight for inclusion of the liberalized earnings limitation language in the bill. His amendment provided for the first time for older Americans to utilize their time and talents productively without being penalized by a reduction in their social security benefits.

We should all be grateful to BILL KETCHUM for his measure of compassion and humanity toward those against whom the social security laws were discriminating. The benefits to older Americans which can come from useful activity as well as the need which a very high percentage of such Americans have for economic gains—which they can now enjoy as a result of the adoption of the Ketchum amendment—form but a single instance, but yet a graphic one, of the interest which Congressman KETCHUM translated into successful legislative action.

Mr. Speaker, I take this occasion to express my respect and affection for Congressman BILL KETCHUM. His accomplishments as a lawmaker, his reputation for hard work and devoted service as a public official—and his warmth and loyalty as a friend—combine to establish Congressman BILL KETCHUM as a very special and important individual.

I extend to his wife, Lola, and to his children my deep sympathy.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise in sorrow at the passing of our colleague, Congressman BILL KETCHUM of California. I knew BILL well having worked closely with him on the Ways and Means Committee, as well as the Social Security Subcommittee. Previously, we had served in the same division in the Pacific in World War II.

Although we sat on opposite sides of the aisle in this Chamber, and found ourselves on alternative sides of many issues, I have the deepest respect and admiration for BILL.

He was a hard-working and conscientious legislator. I will always remember BILL for his gracious manner and easy way. I deeply regret his death as I recognize that this body and the entire Nation will sorely miss his statesmanship. In the tradition of the Vandenberg, BILL KETCHUM served in the 18th District of California, and I deeply regret his untimely death.

I extend my sympathies to his family.

Mr. GRADISON. Mr. Speaker, with sorrow at our heavy loss, I join with my colleagues in this special order in memory of BILL KETCHUM. His untimely, unexpected death is a loss both to this House as an institution and to those of us who knew him well and worked with him closely, as I did on the Committee on Ways and Means.

The House has lost an unusually valuable Member, a recognized expert in welfare, day care, public assistance, and unemployment compensation. His prior experience in the California Legislature, coupled with his diligence, hard work, and sense of compassion, made him a Member other Members listened to, both in committee and on the floor.

On a more personal note BILL KETCHUM was a delight to serve with. He was a warm and concerned individual, direct and outspoken in conversation, a man who cared about others: About his family, his constituents, his colleagues, and his staff.

The deep feeling of this House was reflected in the size of the delegation which attended the memorial service in Bakersfield on Tuesday. By our special order today we add a final word about our good friend BILL: Well done, good, and faithful servant.

Mr. GOLDWATER. Mr. Speaker, BILL KETCHUM was an individual in the finest sense of the word. He believed in America—everything he did reflected love of country. Whenever I think of the Rock of Gibraltar, I think of BILL KETCHUM. Political expediency was not a part of his character. As a legislator in California, and as a Member of Congress, he stood firm on principle and honor, and his colleagues could depend on him not to flinch when the advocates of political necessity peddled their wares. He represented a congressional district that is well known for its individualism and pioneer spirit, and I just cannot fathom the loss to our State and Nation—it is monumental. I shall miss him.

In my association with BILL, I was impressed with his contribution to the House Ways and Means Committee on which he served. I know, too, that BILL KETCHUM will be missed by many in the aviation industry who could count on him as a true friend.

To his lovely wife Lola, their children, and grandchildren, I offer my deepest condolences.

Mr. TREEN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death last Saturday of our colleague, BILL KETCHUM, has left me with a very empty feeling. Because of his unique wit, his dependable good humor and his sincere response whenever approached, BILL KETCHUM was the kind of person one looked forward to seeing as each day began.

BILL had the kind of personality that made you want to be around him; he helped to make the day happy and interesting. I know that this is the way he affected me, and I believe the same is true with regard to all of his colleagues, on both sides of the aisle. Going to the House Chamber, or down to the Members dining room for lunch, has been a sad experience for me all this week, and will continue to be for quite some time, because I know my good friend, BILL KETCHUM, will not be there. He helped light up my life and made my service in the Congress more enjoyable and rewarding.

I had the privilege of coming to the Congress with BILL KETCHUM. We were sworn in together on January 3, 1973. From that date forward BILL demonstrated his many talents, and other Members have spoken about these today. I recognize them as well.

But, Mr. Speaker, I simply wanted to stress that most important human personality trait which BILL KETCHUM possessed so abundantly: sincerity, warmth, and good will toward all people. That marks BILL KETCHUM as a very special person, and one whom I shall miss more than words can adequately describe.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, with the sudden passing of the Honorable WILLIAM KETCHUM, the citizens of the 18th Congressional District of California have lost a dedicated and effective Congressman, the Congress has lost a distinguished Member and I have lost a true friend.

BILL accomplished a great deal in the short time that he was a Member of the House of Representatives. His colleagues came to know him as a gentleman who was dedicated to his congressional

constituents and staff, his country, his family, and his principles. BILL KETCHUM believed in a strong America, fiscal responsibility, helping less fortunate Americans, was a champion of the elderly, and fought against wasteful Federal spending and programs. His actions as a Member of Congress reflected these beliefs.

The Congress and the Nation truly need the kind of man BILL KETCHUM was in leadership positions. Although he is gone, his personal characteristics as a statesman and gentleman will remain as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. McFALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in deep personal sadness to mourn the death of our colleague and friend, WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, who worked with us in the House as a dedicated servant of the people for nearly 6 years.

We cannot understand why God chose to bring WILLIAM KETCHUM to his eternal home last Saturday. We can only accept, and be comforted in the knowledge that BILL is forever embraced in our Lord's mercy and love.

The death of BILL KETCHUM at age 56 leaves a marked void in this House and in our Nation.

To his wife, Lola, and their family, we extend our heartfelt condolences for this loss they must sustain.

BILL KETCHUM was a man of integrity and ability. As a cattleman and rancher he worked to improve the quality of this important economic element in our State.

His dedication to serve was recognized by the people of his community who elected him to three terms in the California State Legislature as the representative of the 29th assembly district.

He served our Nation in World War II, during the Korean conflict, and was elected to the 93d Congress.

The people of BILL KETCHUM's 18th Congressional District re-elected him to each succeeding Congress. There is no doubt that he would have been returned by those he served so well to another term.

To this House, and to the Ways and Means Committee on which he served, BILL brought ability, conviction, and an engaging personality that enabled him to work effectively.

His district and mine adjoin. It was my privilege to work with him many times over the years on endeavors to improve the quality

of life in our area of California. In lighter moments, we enjoyed good fellowship on the paddle ball courts.

BILL loved life; was eager to absorb all it had to offer; and return in service to people a measure greater than he received.

I am sure he would have agreed with Tolstoy's observation that "The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity."

BILL's service to humanity will stand as a monument for ages to come.

We can be grateful we had the opportunity to know and work with this fine man, just as the people of his district and our Nation can be thankful that he was their servant.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked by the news Sunday morning of the loss of my very dear friend and colleague, BILL KETCHUM. I have known BILL for many years, both in California and here in Washington. I first knew him as a constituent of mine when he lived in Nevada County. He was widely respected and known as someone who could get the job done, even back then.

BILL and his lovely wife later moved to the coastal area of California where he remained very active in the farming and ranching community. He was very successful and his talents were widely recognized and appreciated.

His hard-working reputation and constant involvement in public affairs led him to seek election to the California Assembly. This effort was successful, and he served in that body from 1967 to 1972 with distinction.

Ever since his election in 1972 as a Member of Congress, he was a very strong member of the California delegation. We all came to appreciate his forthrightness and zest for life. He was a man who knew what he wanted to accomplish and knew how to carry it out.

When BILL came to Congress, he earned a seat on the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee, on which I also served. I had many opportunities to work closely with him as together we sought to enact legislation of benefit to our State. He knew his people and what their needs were. I can say this because part of his congressional district was once in the area I represented in the Congress. He was a champion of their cause and guardian of their tax dollars.

After 4 years on the Interior Committee, BILL had demonstrated his eagerness for the difficult task and for doing more than just his share of the national responsibilities a Congressman must shoulder. His determination and dedication were recognized and rewarded by his being named to a seat on the important Ways and Means Committee. Although the subject matter had changed, BILL continued to show his appetite for challenge and actively participated in the drafting and preparation of major legislative initiatives.

BILL KETCHUM was a very strong legislator. He actively sought to influence legislation and to assure that Federal responsibilities were not taken lightly. He sought to make every dollar of Federal money count. He worked hard and did a fine job for his district, his State, and his Nation.

My wife, Albra, and I will miss him in many ways. In the House, we will miss his humor, his tenacity, and his legislative skill. In the California delegation, we will miss a dedicated servant of the people. Personally, we will miss a true and warm friend.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathy. BILL lived his life to the fullest and was happy in what he did. There is little more that an individual can do. We will all miss him, but we can take comfort in knowing that he did his best and gave us much of himself that will live long after him.

Mr. FARY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in expressing a deep sense of loss at the passing of our fellow colleague and friend, the Honorable BILL KETCHUM of the 18th Congressional District of California. The death of this devoted public servant marks the passing of one of the finest gentlemen to have served in this Chamber in many years.

His was a long and devoted career in the service of his State, this House, and his country. He served in the Armed Forces of his country in the Pacific during World War II and, in 1950, was recalled into service during the Korean conflict. In 1966, BILL was elected to the California Legislature, serving as representative from the 29th assembly district for 6 years. Then in 1972, he was elected to the 93d Congress, representing the 18th Congressional District, and was re-elected to each succeeding Congress. BILL was a distinguished member of the House Ways and Means Committee, where he made significant contributions to numerous important pieces of legislation.

But no recital of offices won, committee posts held, and bills labored upon, can adequately describe his impact on the legislative process at both the State and National level. He was an effective legislator because he won the respect and affection of his colleagues, who were always aware that his genial ways accompanied an informed dedication to the public interest and to the legislative tasks at hand.

His service to the public has now come to a close and we mourn his absence among us. To his beloved widow, Lola, and his two children, Robert and Kathy, and to other members of his family, I extend my deepest sympathies.

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, there is respect but no pleasure about coming today to speak of our departed colleague, BILL KETCHUM. To do so is too much to remind one's self of one's own mortality. BILL KETCHUM was an ox of a man. It is trite to say that someone's passing came as a shock, but BILL's did. You do not prepare yourself for an event such as this for a person of such commanding physical presence, virility, and stamina. We should perhaps reflect upon the fact that none of us is immortal—in spite of our press notices—and perhaps such reflection will benefit the process in which we earn our daily bread.

BILL KETCHUM did well to inject into debate a sense of the real world—of which mortality is an inevitable part—and with that same needle, puncture a balloon or two.

In committee, BILL was good at leaning over and quite pungently observing how the noblest of ideas would operate in a society of quite ordinary people, instead of among a hypothetical nation of economists and tax lawyers.

A few years ago, when ponderous constitutional arguments were being made here about the District of Columbia, I recall it was BILL KETCHUM who had one of the few novel ideas—maybe the best one, which would explain why it has not gone very far yet—which suggested simply constricting the seat of Government to the area where the Government sits. I am sure he would add: “and sits, and sits, and sits.”

In Ways and Means, where we have been spending eons seeking to simply put right what the Internal Revenue Service has put wrong, BILL KETCHUM had been sparkplugging the effort to simply require that the Service's regulations lie before Congress for possible

legislative veto, just the way, rightfully, the regulations and enactments of other agencies do. His proposal would depopulate the law firms of downtown Washington.

We should hope that we get a few more men here like BILL KETCHUM. We need to be reminded constantly of what goes on in the real world, that there is intelligent life beyond the beltway, and that many good ideas will not work. BILL was superb at making those reminders. Though one might disagree, one had to agree that he made sense, often infuriatingly good sense. Above all, "KETCH" really made a difference.

So, with respect to BILL KETCHUM, Mr. Speaker, we will remember him with greatest respect.

Mr. BURKE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last week this body was saddened by the loss of our colleague, Cliff Allen. As I drove to the Capitol this morning I was again faced with the news of death. This time an individual of true accomplishment and the highest respect was taken from us. My friend and colleague, BILL KETCHUM. For 6 years, BILL graced this Chamber with his presence, always dutiful and diligent in his every action. During his years of service on the prestigious House Ways and Means Committee he spent numerous hours fighting for the poor and working class of this Nation. His accomplishments at this committee not only affected the Internal Revenue Code but the unemployed and elderly of our country. This was not unusual, for BILL was no stranger to public service. During World War II he served in the Pacific as an infantryman and when recalled in 1950 he willingly returned to serve in the Army Counter-intelligence Corps. Afterward, returning to his home in California, he served as president of the San Luis-Obispo County Farm Bureau. Later he served in the California Legislature where his accomplishment included the first major reform of the State's welfare code, a task he continued here in his service on the House welfare reform task force.

I am still quite shocked at his passing. Only last week BILL took time out of his busy schedule to stop by at an affair in my honor. As usual he was racing from meeting to meeting, never thinking of himself, only the public and his friends.

I hope and pray that God Almighty grants him eternal rest and peace. My deepest and most sincere sorrow go to his lovely wife,

Lola, and their children, Robert and Kathy. I for one will sorely miss a great legislator and good friend, BILL KETCHUM.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when I heard about the death of BILL KETCHUM, I just could not believe that it had happened. BILL was always such an active, vital person. Just 3 days before his death, I remember so well how he was standing on the floor as a strong advocate of balanced trade and the need to offset our export deficiencies. BILL spoke with such vigor and enthusiasm. Then that weekend we lost him through this heart attack.

BILL will always be remembered and respected by all of his colleagues who knew him. BILL was a Congressman who always had positive positions and consistently stood for sound fundamentals in legislation. In our Halls where we hear so many generalities, it was always refreshing to hear BILL KETCHUM rise to his feet and talk about down-to-earth specific situations.

He was a great believer in the defense of America. He believed that America should always be first.

BILL understood the importance of energy and natural resources. I always welcomed BILL on the floor when we discussed excessive regulatory agencies. Coming from the West and especially from the friendly area of California that he came from, BILL was foursquare for greater development of oil, farming, water, and ranching.

Dee and I extend our sincerest and warmest sympathy to Lola and all of the Ketchum family. California has lost one of the greatest voices that ever represented the West in the Halls of Congress. We join with the family in the loss as we will all miss one of the finest, most dynamic men that ever served in Congress—BILL KETCHUM of California.

Mr. STEIGER. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of BILL KETCHUM of California deeply saddens Janie and me. Having had the opportunity to work with BILL during his service in the House and on the Committee on Ways and Means, I know that his departure means a real loss not only to his own area of California, but to all the people of this country.

Throughout his service, BILL KETCHUM reflected his very deep commitment to this country and to the principles on which it was founded. There's no doubt that at times BILL KETCHUM could be irascible, but he was always thoughtful, perceptive, and persistent.

The Ways and Means Committee has lost a man who took a very deep interest in matters affecting welfare and social security as well as a leading advocate for sensible tax policy.

Janie joins with me in extending to Mrs. Ketchum and to her family our deepest sympathy. BILL KETCHUM will long be remembered by all who care deeply about our country. His was a career marked by exemplary public service. The Ketchum family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the Honorable WILLIAM KETCHUM of California whose untimely death last weekend was a shock to all of us.

BILL was one of the most decent and hard-working Members of the House. He became a good friend even though our viewpoints on legislation were far apart. He was a prime example of the old axiom that it is possible to disagree without being disagreeable.

Our colleagues who served with BILL on the Ways and Means Committee learned all too well that BILL was an articulate exponent of his points of view. On the floor of the House, he expanded his viewpoints far beyond tax matters. He could be as tough in floor debate as he was gentle outside of the fray. I know from my own experience how often BILL went out of his way to be helpful to people, including Members of this House. He went about his business with a quiet dignity that impressed all who came in contact with him. Those were the qualities, obviously, that so endeared him to the voters of California's 18th Congressional District.

He was a good man in all senses of the word and he will be sorely missed by those of us who served with him and by the people whom he served. It is always sad when a good man passes away. It is particularly sad that BILL KETCHUM has left us when he had so many good years of service left.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I would also like to express my sorrow on the passing of BILL KETCHUM. He was not only a friend and a colleague but most of all a Congressman who had the courage of his convictions and the concern to attend to his constituent's needs.

His accomplishments measure high on the yardstick of success for his qualities were numerous and his dedication to the responsibilities of his office unswerving. Although he served only 6 years, he was a

ready listener who combined quick intelligence with an ability to solve problems. We worked together on many issues and I was always impressed by his desire to do what was best for the people of this country.

I feel privileged to have served with him for he was an influential, respected, and most effective Member of the House of Representatives. His service in Congress was dedicated to honorably serving his district and was characterized by leadership, intelligence, and hard work.

I, too, extend my sympathy to his lovely wife, Lola, and to his family, and I ask them to remember that at a time in our history when many people are considering themselves before others, BILL KETCHUM served as a shining example of how to achieve for others.

Mr. SEBELIUS. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in lamenting the sad and unexpected death of our good friend, WILLIAM M. KETCHUM of California. His absence will be deeply felt in this House because of the energy, intelligence, and special knowledge which he brought to his work.

I had the privilege of serving with BILL on the Interior Committee during which time we developed a close relationship. I can say, without reservation, he was one of the finest people I have ever associated with and I am certain this feeling is shared by many others in the Congress.

And so, it is not only in our work that we will miss this fine gentleman from California, but also in our friendship. Our loss means that now we know an emptiness in our world where once we knew a friend. I extend my condolences to his family, for here too, he will be sorely missed.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of our colleague from California, the Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM. BILL KETCHUM was well liked and respected by his colleagues on both sides of this aisle. He was an enthusiastic, hard-working and good-humored legislator who could size up a situation quickly and respond with intelligence and wit. BILL brought to this Congress a wealth of experience as a farmer, cattle raiser, and former California legislator—all of which help to explain how he so quickly learned the issues and procedures facing this House and earned the esteem of his colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, my sympathies go out to BILL's wife, Lola, his son, Robert, his daughter, Kathy Cole, and his four grandchildren. We will all deeply miss BILL's friendship and abilities in this body.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, a sudden death has taken from this House one of its most respected Members, BILL KETCHUM from California. His death was a profound personal shock to me, one which I will not soon forget. While BILL was only in the House for a short time, he did make many friends while here, but, more importantly, he made many contributions for the betterment of this Nation.

BILL KETCHUM's life was a steady, lifelong commitment to public service. Prior to his election to the 93d Congress, he served for several terms in the California State Legislature. He served his Nation admirably in the Armed Forces both in World War II and later in Korea.

BILL might best be remembered as one of the most articulate spokesmen for responsible Government spending in the House. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, he worked to improve the equity of our tax system while working for limited rather than limitless Federal spending. He was named to serve on an ad hoc committee on the impact of proposition 13.

BILL KETCHUM was a dedicated family man. I extend my sincere condolences to his wife, Lola, his two children, and grandchildren. BILL KETCHUM served the Nation he loved and provided this House with his talents, his compassion, and his commitment for a better America. He will be missed.

Mr. JONES of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, those of us working on a plan for tax reduction and reform will miss BILL KETCHUM. The loss of his skills and talents will certainly complicate our efforts to arrive at a just and workable solution.

BILL KETCHUM always did his homework. He was particularly knowledgeable in the areas of welfare and old-age assistance. No one would deny that BILL was a conservative, but no one would suggest that his philosophy got in the way of his compassion for those trapped by poverty or strapped by fixed incomes that held them hostage to inflationary pressures.

Most people with that sort of compassion prefer to talk in generalities. BILL was different. He never let his deep feelings obscure his desire to make workable programs. He knew that the greatest in-

justice that could be perpetrated on those less fortunate than himself would be to draft expensive and impractical programs. BILL always had positive and substantive recommendations to offer to make the philosophy of a program a reality.

If BILL KETCHUM were on your side, the battle was half won. If he opposed you, you had a real fight on your hands.

BILL KETCHUM was a friend. He often boasted to me that he represented more "Oakies" than I did by virtue of the Oklahoma migration to his hometown of Bakersfield during the Dust Bowl days. BILL KETCHUM represented the people of California with dignity and charm. His compassion and knowledge of the issues will be sorely missed by those of us whom he left behind.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was with sadness and shock that we learned of the untimely death on June 24 of our colleague, BILL KETCHUM. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation of the Ways and Means Committee, on which he so ably served, I am particularly affected by this tragedy, and wish to pay my respects to his memory, and to express my deepest sympathy to his wife and children.

BILL came to the Congress from our State legislature, where he played an impressive role in legislation affecting California's needy people, particularly the elderly, the blind, and the disabled. He brought with him to the Congress his deep concern and compassion for the Nation's needy persons. His experience in the California Legislature made him one of the most informed Members in the House on public assistance programs.

BILL played a crucial role in the important early stages of the formation in 1975 of the Subcommittee on Public Assistance and on Unemployment Compensation, as a member of both, and when the subcommittees were joined early in 1976. His expertise in public assistance issues was an essential ingredient in stabilizing and strengthening the role that the subcommittee would play in legislating in this area. The bipartisan measures that came out of the subcommittee were largely because of the responsibility that BILL took upon himself to see that our efforts and action would make the programs more adequate and fair for recipients, and administratively more effective. He was concerned about targeting limited resources to those most in need, and his knowledge of and emphasis on this point was of inestimable value to us.

Legislation on public support programs is always controversial, and BILL was a practical and well-reasoned voice on these matters, particularly in developing legislation that gave the subcommittee bipartisan support, if not consensus. When the Chair had his support on an issue, it was strong support, all the way through to floor consideration.

BILL and I shared common cause in our concern and compassion for the poor, the elderly, blind and disabled, and he was staunchly supportive of the subcommittee's efforts to legislate to improve the quality of their lives. Whatever our disagreement on other issues that came before us—and our disagreements were few—in this area we stood together, and his influence in subcommittee, in full committee, and on the floor was necessary, welcome, and of sound logic, and his contribution to the legislation was always that of an expert.

BILL KETCHUM was a faithful member, an informed member, a hard-working member of the subcommittee, and I shall miss his presence, his competence, and his cooperativeness.

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I observe the death of our honored colleague and my good friend, BILL KETCHUM.

The long and distinguished career of BILL KETCHUM as a member of this Nation's Armed Forces in World War II and Korea, as a member of the California Legislature, and as a representative of the people in this House constitutes a sustained record of dedicated public service of lasting benefit to his State and Nation. His is a record of continuous hard work, helpful to and appreciated by the people he represented and by us as his colleagues in this body.

It was my particular pleasure to serve with BILL KETCHUM on the Ways and Means Committee where his skill and leadership were always evident.

I have known BILL KETCHUM as a dependable coworker and treasured friend, as a man who has inspired me and many others with his commitment to public service. His dedication to this Nation has placed us all in his debt.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues today in expressing profound sorrow and deep grief over the sudden loss of our beloved colleague, and a dear personal friend, WILLIAM KETCHUM.

I knew BILL KETCHUM as a dedicated, conscientious man who had the respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. During his time with us here in the House, he served with distinction on the Ways and Means Committee, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Science and Astronautics Committee, and the District of Columbia Committee.

Although we shared no committee assignments, I was privileged to have him as a friend. My memories of this good man will reflect his personal generosity and many thoughtful kindnesses to me. To give you just one example of what I mean: As you know, BILL was a farmer before entering Government service, and, as my colleagues may realize, I enjoy home gardening, myself. Last year, hearing of my success with some tomato plants in my vegetable patch, BILL thought he would like to try his hand at city gardening. Well, I gave BILL one of my tomato plants which he put on his apartment balcony. It proceeded to bloom splendidly—but because it was a single plant, and as any farmer will tell you, without pollination, it never did give BILL any tomatoes. This year, I gave BILL four of my tomato plants with the hopes that this year's harvest would be more successful. The week after, BILL came back from one of his frequent trips home to his district in California, and brought me back some of his own fine California produce—large Bermuda onions, juicy red grapes, and California pistachio nuts. With all of the many things BILL must have had on his mind—and as busy as he was in his district—he took the time out to show his gratitude to a friend in this way.

BILL KETCHUM was deeply loved by his constituents who elected him three times to this body. The affection was certainly returned in the compassionate service he rendered to them. Their loss is ours as well.

His untimely death came as a blow to all of us. My wife, Corrine, joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to BILL's widow, Lola, their two children, and four grandchildren.

Mr. ABDNOR. Mr. Speaker, the shock of the sudden and untimely death of our good friend and colleague, BILL KETCHUM, is still with us.

The 18th District of California has lost an able public servant—a man who faithfully reflected their views as well as his own deep convictions for many years in the California Assembly, before coming

to Washington with the 93d Congress to render similar yeoman service here.

The Congress has lost an able Member—respected by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his intelligence, his courage, his integrity, his deep sense of principle.

The Nation has lost an able fighter in the battle for honor in Government, for fiscal responsibility, for reason and decency, for our country's well-being in a troubled world.

We have all lost a faithful, reliable friend whose word we could always count on.

We have lost a great American who gave greatly of all he had to give.

Mr. BAFALIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of sadness that I take the floor today to eulogize my great and good friend, BILL KETCHUM of California.

BILL and I came to the Congress together and we served together on the House Ways and Means Committee, where his wise counsel will be sorely missed.

I knew him to be a hard-working, dedicated public servant, determined to serve the people of California's 18th District and the Nation to the best of his ability.

The Congress and the country are the worse because of his passing.

To his wife, children, and grandchildren, I offer my deepest sympathy.

BILL KETCHUM will be missed by us all.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is with a tremendous sense of personal loss that I join my colleagues in the House in this tribute to the late BILL KETCHUM.

His sudden passing is a loss not only to the people of California's 18th District and those of us in this Chamber, but to the Nation as a whole. He was an affable, congenial friend, a man who made service in the House of Representatives a more pleasant task. He was the epitome of hard work, diligence, and integrity. Qualities we all respect and admire.

Since BILL became a Member of this body in 1973, I came to know him as a trusted confidant. He was a conscientious, dedicated, and active legislator who invested his full energies in his job. As a member of the influential House Ways and Means Committee, he was viewed

as one who welcomed the challenge this important committee assignment offered and was always deeply involved in the legislative activities of that committee. Extremely knowledgeable on the specifics of Ways and Means legislation, his advice was often sought by those wanting a comprehensive and objective analysis of matters before that committee. His words offered in support or opposition to a legislative proposal were given more than just passing notice by his colleagues.

The citizens of California's 18th District and of our Nation have been well served by BILL KETCHUM for the past 6 years and his presence will be sorely missed.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, the death of the Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM of California deprives this Congress of an outstanding colleague, and this country of an outstanding Representative. As a colleague, Congressman KETCHUM's opinions were respected on both sides of the aisle. As a Representative, he acted not in terms of his California constituency alone, but rather, in the sense of what was best for the entire country in the long run.

BILL KETCHUM brought to Congress those traits which, if shared by all Members, would greatly facilitate the work of this body. He was clear on the issues, and articulate on his position. His strong feelings were always backed by careful study and substantive argument. He never minced his words, either on the floor of the House, in committee meetings, or in private conference. Yet, accompanying these qualities was a subtle sense of humor, which BILL used to effectively convey his points.

The absence of Congressman KETCHUM will be felt by his colleagues. His vision, which extended beyond narrow self-interest to a national view of issues, hopefully can be adopted by us all. If so, this Nation will continue to profit from his service to his country.

Mr. GIAIMO. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to a young Member of this body who was taken from us suddenly, WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, of Bakersfield, Calif.

BILL KETCHUM was an unusual man in many ways. Schooled as a businessman, he was a cattle rancher and farmer. He served his country in many ways. First, he left college to serve in World War II. Second, he served again during the Korean conflict. He was presi-

dent of his farm bureau, served a term in the California Legislature and was with us in the 93d, 94th, and 95th Congresses.

BILL KETCHUM's voice was respected on both sides of the aisle. His judgment was appreciated on the Ways and Means Committee. His friendship and counsel were sought by many.

We shall all miss him. With his family, we grieve that he was taken from all of us while he was in what we regard as the prime of life. Yet, his service and his demeanor remain with all of us as his monument.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I was very saddened by the sudden death of our distinguished colleague from California, WILLIAM KETCHUM. We served together in the assembly in Sacramento, as we did here in the Congress. He was a most outspoken man—a rare quality which I valued very much. BILL was an independent person—his own person—not bound by predictability or partisanship.

I always admired him for his willingness to take on those with whom he disagreed—even Governor Reagan, of his own party, when the differences were compelling enough. In all, these characteristics marked him as a thoughtful man who carefully reviewed each issue on its own merits.

Although he was very serious about legislative matters, he had a sense of humor which often brought laughter to committee rooms and legislative Chambers.

We will all miss him, and I join my colleagues in extending our condolences to Lola and their children.

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great personal regret and sadness that I join today with others in this Chamber in paying tribute to our late friend and colleague, the Honorable BILL KETCHUM.

All of us feel a tremendous loss with his passing—a loss which will most certainly be deeply felt by the constituents he served so faithfully and so well for many years.

BILL KETCHUM was an outstanding Representative, and a great part of what made him so was the fact that he cared so much about people. Anyone who knew him had to admire his strong devotion to his family, his Nation, and those people who reside in the district he represented.

He was a man who was not content with living just for today. His visions were those of the future—the kind of future he could help provide for those fine grandchildren of his whose photos in his wallet were always such a source of pride to him—and the kind of future that would create unlimited opportunity for many generations of Americans still to come.

BILL KETCHUM was a man of honor and integrity, one who never lost sight of who he was or how he got where he was. He believed very strongly in human dignity and in the rights of Americans to live in a country committed to the protection of individual liberty.

All of us who knew him will indeed miss BILL KETCHUM as we continue working toward those goals which meant so much to him. I know he will always be with us in spirit.

Mr. WINN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to join my friends and colleagues on both sides of the aisle as they pay tribute to the memory of our good friend, the late BILL KETCHUM of California.

It has been my pleasure to know BILL KETCHUM since his election to the 93d Congress. At that time he was assigned to the Science and Technology Committee. His interest and dedication to the scientific affairs of our Nation was outstanding. As a member of the Space Science and Applications Subcommittee I had the pleasure of visiting his congressional district while inspecting the aircraft facilities in that area. BILL was dedicated to the philosophy that Californians could do the best job of keeping our space program No. 1. He was sincere, but aggressive in seeing to it that the technology teams in California and his district received the acclaim due them for their part in our space program. I also had the privilege of attending a "Salute to BILL KETCHUM Night" in his district and saw how his many friends and constituents felt about him. The enthusiasm, love, and affection was obvious at that meeting, and I was proud to be a very small part of it.

When he moved from Science and Technology to Ways and Means I knew that if anyone in Congress would try to hold down Government spending, show concern about the American taxpayer, and just in general keep the committee on its toes, it would be BILL KETCHUM.

His statements and challenges of others' statements on the floor prove that BILL KETCHUM was the type of Congressman who was definitely concerned about the American taxpayer and all American

citizens. He has served his district, his State, and his Nation with distinction and I am sure would have been in our party leadership in time, had he not met such an untimely death.

He was humorous, kind, and thoughtful and respected by both sides of the aisle. He will be missed by all those who called him friend, and I am pleased that I became a friend of **BILL KETCHUM**.

Joan and I offer our deepest sympathy to Lola and his children, Kathy and Robert.

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express deep sorrow on the death of our friend and colleague, **WILLIAM M. KETCHUM**. To his widow and family I offer my prayers that you will find a measure of comfort in his accomplishments and his service to our Nation. **BILL KETCHUM** was a patriot as truly as any man who has been afforded that compliment in the history of the Republic.

As a colleague of **BILL KETCHUM** on the Committee on Ways and Means, I have noted firsthand his work on behalf of his people of California and his dedication to principle. He was a good legislator. His colleagues on the Republican side will miss his driving enthusiasm and influence as will we who are Democrats.

Basic virtues and high character know no political party. His life and work in the Congress transcend mere political affiliation. **BILL KETCHUM** was a citizen whose life was committed to service to his fellow citizens of this country. There is no greater work nor more noble goal. The real testimony to **BILL KETCHUM**'s dedication to freedom and democracy is his life's deeds and service.

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I join my many colleagues in expressing the real loss that we feel upon the death of our friend and colleague, **BILL KETCHUM**, and to extend to his family, our deepest sympathies.

BILL was a Member of this body for only a relatively short time—6 years. But in that interval, he developed a solid reputation for his intelligence, eloquence, and dedication to the service of the people of the Nation, and especially to his constituents in California's 18th Congressional District.

He served with distinction on many committees, but most recently with the Ways and Means Committee where he quickly developed an expertise in such difficult areas as welfare and unemployment in-

surance. I know the committee will miss his contributions in shaping legislation, and we, in the House, will miss his wise counsel.

But beyond his legislative skills, we will miss BILL because of the man he was. He was an energetic man of high integrity. He was a kind, considerate, and gracious man without pretensions, who won friends on both sides of the political aisle. He was a man you could not help respect and like.

Mr. Speaker, with the death of BILL KETCHUM, the Nation has lost a wise and dedicated Congressman who had a great future in the House of Representatives, and we, in the House, have lost a good friend.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. Speaker, the tragic and unexpected death of our beloved colleague, BILL KETCHUM, came as a great shock to all of us. He was a soldier for his country in time of war and a soldier in the fight for good legislation here in Congress. We will all miss him greatly. Our deepest sympathies go to his beloved and lovely wife and children in their grief.

Mr. HAGEDORN. Mr. Speaker, it is always sad when the House marks the passing of one of its Members, but on this occasion I consider it a personal loss. BILL KETCHUM was one of the kindest persons it has been my pleasure to know. He was dedicated to the people he served, was well liked by his colleagues, and was one of the best friends the American taxpayers ever had.

In his home State of California, in this Chamber, and in the Nation, he has left the indelible mark of an individual sincerely dedicated to the welfare of others. BILL KETCHUM was a man of firm principles and high qualities. He will long be remembered as a truly fine gentleman by all of us who had the good fortune to know him and work with him as I did over the years.

Mrs. Hagedorn joins with me in extending to his wife, Lola, and their children, our heartfelt sympathy at this particular time.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, as a Congressman, BILL KETCHUM was an aggressive and highly competent activist for those issues and causes in which he believed. That is not uncommon on Capitol Hill, but BILL was not an average guy, even for a body such as the U.S. House of Representatives.

BILL KETCHUM endured many gruelling hours of travel to go to the ends of the Earth for those persons who were working for that to which BILL was committed.

BILL once rode to Cape May, N.J., in a small private plane in mid-May, missing votes and the comforts of home, just to deliver a speech on energy to a large audience of senior citizens who had gathered to study the problems of energy in our Nation. Few Members would take their own time, sacrifice their own precious moments, to speak to those who could never vote for them, or even support them, but BILL KETCHUM did.

There are examples aplenty to describe BILL's dedication to the basic good in America, and to promoting that which he felt was best for her. He often stood against big spending, even when it was not politically smart to oppose the special interests. He did it because he truly believed it was not in the national interest to practice massive deficit spending.

He was a leader, not a leadership seeker, but a leader nonetheless. When he spoke, or wrote to his colleagues, his words had meaning. He did not believe in being a big talker on all subjects, but he never refused to have his views interjected when he knew the subject. This was a man of the great tradition of the House. He understood the value of experience and specialization in the conduct of national affairs, and made himself a specialist in his own areas.

Men like BILL KETCHUM do not enter the House every year, and his loss among us as a young man is a truly sad occasion. We shall long feel the good he has done, and know the good he could have done.

The world of the House will continue, but we shall all know that our tenure and our Nation have been enriched by his having served with us.

Mr. CEDERBERG. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in paying homage and tribute to our late colleague and friend, BILL KETCHUM.

From the time he was elected to the 93d Congress, it was my privilege to have served with Congressman KETCHUM of California. During those 6 years, he served with distinction on the Ways and Means Committee, the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, the Science and Astronautics Committee, and the District of

Columbia Committee. His unexpected death represents a significant loss to the Congress, the State of California, and the Nation that he loved and served so well.

WILLIAM KETCHUM had all the qualities and talents that are essential to the makeup of an effective legislator, and he handled the demanding responsibilities of his congressional assignments with intelligence and insight. He had the courage to stand up and be counted at times when he was part of a tiny conservative minority.

WILLIAM KETCHUM will be greatly missed in this body, by those of us who had the opportunity to work with him and know of his devotion, and by those who he so ably served over the years.

I extend my personal sympathies to his family and know that the distinguished career of WILLIAM KETCHUM will be a cherished memory for them and an example to future Members of the House of Representatives.

Mr. ICHORD. Mr. Speaker, we have all been saddened by the death of our distinguished colleague from California, WILLIAM KETCHUM. I know you join with me in extending our deepest sympathies to his family. His passing was most untimely.

The people of California and the Nation will miss the vigor of this dedicated public servant. He served his Nation and State, not only in the Congress and in the California State Assembly, but also in the armed services during World War II and the Korean conflict.

WILLIAM KETCHUM was in the forefront of those who espoused genuine concern for the sustenance of the Nation's elderly. He labored tirelessly on behalf of welfare reform and governmental efficiency. He was mordantly aware of America's energy requirements. His interest in economics encompassed an awareness of the capital needs of small business.

As farmer, veteran, and legislator, WILLIAM KETCHUM was well qualified to meet the great burdens of Government borne by this Nation in a century of almost unceasing turbulence. The challenges we face will be that much more difficult to overcome in his absence.

Mr. HANLEY. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in paying homage and tribute to our late colleague and friend, BILL KETCHUM. Those of us who were fortunate enough to serve with BILL KETCHUM during his terms in Congress, will remember him as a warm friend and respected legislator.

In BILL KETCHUM, we recall a very wise and sensitive individual. A gifted politician, Representative KETCHUM often incorporated the wonderful knowledge of a successful farmer and rancher into resourceful agriculture legislation. His devotion to our country's senior citizens was rewarded in him being named the National Alliance of Senior Citizens 1977 Man of the Year.

BILL KETCHUM faithfully represented the people of the 18th District of California, yet his commitment to several causes touched the very heart and soul of the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, my wife, Rita, and I join the rest of the 95th Congress in extending our heartfelt condolences and prayers to BILL's family.

Mr. WHITEHURST. Mr. Speaker, BILL KETCHUM's death is a profound loss not only for this body but also for the Nation. BILL brought commonsense, an all-to-rare commodity, to the business of Government. Fiscally sound, he exerted a moderating influence on the Ways and Means Committee. Many times I found myself persuaded by his comments in the well of the House.

On a personal note, I already feel the absence of his friendly spirit and jovial good humor. BILL was great company, a man whose cheerfulness and enthusiasm were infectious and who made serving in this body more of a pleasure.

His untimely death leaves all of us a little poorer, and like his many other friends, I will miss him.

Mrs. PETTIS. Mr. Speaker, our sorrowful and poignant journey to California on behalf of the House to the services held for our loved and valued colleague BILL KETCHUM is over, and we are only now beginning to feel the full impact of what we have lost.

It is not often a man comes to the Congress and immediately makes his mark as an independent, probing, expert legislator. BILL was resolute, determined, an honest and accurate spokesman for his district. Intuitive and devoted to the common good, he had a great future ahead of him on the national scene.

Not only as a competent legislator, but as a treasured friend, he is mourned by thousands of Californians who understood his worth. A native Californian, he left college to serve in the Pacific theater during World War II. He served again in the Korean conflict, and

with the counterintelligence forces in Japan. His early preoccupation with the public interest led him to run for the State legislature in 1966, where he served for 6 spectacular years. In 1972 he was elected to this body, where he easily made the seat his own, and won our deep respect for his integrity and uncompromising spirit.

My heartfelt sympathy goes to Lola and his family, and to the district he served so well. We share their sorrow in this irreparable loss.

Mr. LENT. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep regret and a keen sense of personal loss that I learned of the untimely death of our friend and colleague, WILLIAM KETCHUM. It has been my privilege to have served with BILL KETCHUM in the House of Representatives in the Congresses since his first election from the 18th District of California in 1972. My admiration and respect for BILL continued to grow through those years.

As a member of the influential House Ways and Means Committee, BILL KETCHUM was always a forceful influence in committee work on legislation. He brought to this Congress a most distinctive outlook on the Nation's public laws, drawing upon a variety of experience through his service overseas in the Army during World War II and again during the Korean war; through his career as a farmer and cattleman in California; and during his 6 years as a member of the California State Legislature.

In those careers, as in his three terms in the House of Representatives, BILL KETCHUM was always active, always a leader. We in the House will sorely miss his knowledge, his legislative abilities, and his tireless dedication which made him such a valuable and outstanding public servant. Our Nation has lost an outstanding lawmaker; I have lost a great friend.

I know all of us here today join in conveying our sincerest condolences to BILL KETCHUM's lovely wife, Lola, and his family, whose grief I share.

Mr. MADIGAN. Mr. Speaker, the death of a colleague is always a sobering experience. The death of BILL KETCHUM is a real personal loss.

In addition to being a responsible legislator and a dedicated Representative of the constituents of California's 18th District, BILL KETCHUM was one swell guy. He always brought joviality into a

room; his zest for life touched everything he did and everyone he encountered.

I will miss BILL KETCHUM's camaraderie on the House floor, the cloakroom, at a reception. California will miss this unabashed champion of that State; Congress will miss this roving ambassador of conversation on the House floor.

Mr. WYDLER. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to believe that BILL is no longer with us. Last week he was actively participating in the business of the House and we are sorry to know that he will return no more. I know I speak for those on both sides of the aisle who knew and liked BILL and he will be sorely missed. He was a rugged individualist with a tough exterior and a soft heart. He spoke his mind and did a great job representing the people of his district. His voice was heard, his contribution was made, and we all hope he will rest in peace.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a sad occasion for me to have to prepare a eulogy for WILLIAM KETCHUM. His completely unexpected and most untimely death came as a great shock to me as I am sure it did to all my colleagues. However, I can find solace in the fact that we were fortunate enough to have BILL KETCHUM's dedication and abilities in the House for 6 years. We were all able to profit from his service and having known him.

One of the traits for which I shall remember BILL the most was his honesty. He was honest as a private individual. He was honest as a public servant. And more significantly to me he was honest in his approach to the legislative process. You always knew where BILL KETCHUM stood and the reasons why he would take a particular stand. And I am happy that on many occasions I was able to stand with BILL in his legislative battles.

While I never had the privilege to serve on a committee with BILL, I understand from my colleagues who did that no matter whether it was Interior and Insular Affairs, or Science and Technology, or Ways and Means, that he always contributed greatly. I know I found this to be true here on the floor on any bill which he undertook to perfect through the amendment process.

Mr. Speaker, I offer my deepest condolences to BILL's family and I also thank them for sharing BILL with us and giving us the benefit of his outstanding service.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues in lamenting the untimely passing of my personal friend and highly respected colleague, BILL KETCHUM.

BILL was serving in his third term, representing the 18th Congressional District of California. A holder of strong and definite views on today's issues, BILL fought for what he believed was right. He was his own man, a man of strong principle, and one whose remarks and ideas will be sorely missed.

A well-respected Member of the House, BILL had a firm devotion to the responsibilities of his office. He was a powerful and vigorous man who served the Nation well on the Ways and Means Committee. His dedication to public service and especially to his constituents was unparalleled.

I join my colleagues in expressing my deepest, heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Lola, his two children, and four grandchildren. BILL's reputation as a devoted and distinguished Representative will be long remembered. The Nation has lost a dedicated, tough, and honest legislator, and we will all miss him greatly.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, paying homage to a deceased colleague is an effort involving the recognition of talents and dedication lost, and of shared personal experiences which now must serve to provide memories for the future.

In the case of BILL KETCHUM, late our colleague of California, the recognition and the memories are of a friend with whom I was privileged to serve on the Committee on Ways and Means. He brought to our committee a quality of freshness and commonsense arising no doubt, from his background as a rancher and farmer. He could often be blunt and exceedingly direct in expressing his views. One rarely had any doubt that when he spoke his position would be crystal clear. He had a sense of conviction about where he stood which demanded respect, if not always agreement.

Most refreshing of all, though, was the ability he had to inject humor—a pithiness—which so often relieved the “gravity” of our deliberations. More than once, BILL KETCHUM had the committee chamber rocking with laughter—often directed in a self-deprecating way at all of us.

He was also a man of substance, and was recognized as a competent and thoughtful contributor to the Subcommittee on Unemploy-

ment Compensation and Public Assistance and the Social Security Subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, we will miss **BILL KETCHUM** for his outspokenness, his dedication, his forthrightness, and his humor. I will miss him as a friend.

Mr. **KINDNESS**. Mr. Speaker, on April 10, 1889, in an address to the Hamilton Club of Chicago, Theodore Roosevelt, then Secretary of the Navy, urged the United States to take an aggressive role in governing the Philippine Islands, which had then only recently been freed from Spanish control.

But before addressing the role which the United States, as a new world power, should assume in an international theater, Roosevelt directed his attention to the duties of an individual citizen.

His remarks opened with the following lines:

In speaking to you, men of the greatest city of the West, men of the State which gave to the country Lincoln and Grant, men who preeminently and distinctly embody all that is most American in the American character, I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life, the life of toil and effort, of labor and strife; to preach the highest form of success, which comes, not to the man who desires mere easy peace, but to the man who does not shrink from danger, from hardship, or from bitter toil, and who out of these wins the splendid ultimate triumph.

I often thought of Teddy Roosevelt when I was talking with **BILL KETCHUM**. As well as any man I have ever known, **BILL** understood and lived "the strenuous life" which Roosevelt commended to the American people.

Like Roosevelt, **BILL** was a cattleman before entering politics; and he was truly a man of the West, a man who "preeminently and distinctly" embodied "all that is most American in the American character."

With fondness I recall several evenings when the deliberations of this body went on into late evening hours and **BILL** and I passed some time arm wrestling. I do not imagine he liked to lose, but I will never know—he never lost.

BILL's energy seemed far too great for even his massive physique. His booming voice seemed more suited to the wild than to a crowded room, and his laughter was reminiscent of a summer thunderstorm.

Teddy Roosevelt once said, "I am never bored." So it was with **BILL**. And those of us who knew him came to think of boredom as irresponsible and shameful.

In his passing, the Nation has lost a diligent and vigorous law-maker. But equally poignant for his colleagues is the loss of a friend.

In a time when so many of our Nation's leaders are enamored of a Zen minimalism, and of equality as a substitute for excellence, the contrasting life of BILL KETCHUM would be an appropriate example for any young man or woman who aspires to become an active citizen and to leave a mark upon the world through which we pass but once.

I shall deeply miss him.

Mr. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, to friend and foe alike, BILL KETCHUM was a man who was always prepared for his duty in Government as well as being fair and just in the performance of that duty. His untimely and early death find us absent a spirit and vitality shown daily to us as he was a leader, and not a follower.

I had the opportunity to work closely with BILL KETCHUM on several successful amendments dealing with the one-House legislative veto. His interest in this measure was given long before others joined the bandwagon in support of it, and I believe this is indicative of the legislative outlook BILL KETCHUM provided. He sensed the opinion pulse of the taxpayer and stood by the side of each in support of self-reliance, a national defense second to none, and tax equity based on economic progress for the benefit of all.

BILL KETCHUM will not be forgotten for he has touched each of our lives with his humor, legislative initiative, and vibrant personality. He will be missed.

Mr. WAGGONER. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of BILL KETCHUM, the U.S. Congress has lost one of the most able, devoted, and honorable men in the history of this great deliberative body. BILL was a humanitarian who possessed a deep sense of commitment to his constituents and he represented his great State of California with dignity and distinction.

Having served with us for almost 6 years, BILL KETCHUM had established himself as a concerned and able man; a man who, I am sure, would have continued for many years to exhibit the kind of leadership and admirable consistency that he had come to be known for.

To me BILL was more than a fellow Congressman, he was a close personal friend and I am going to miss him. You know when a friend

like BILL goes, a part of you goes. BILL and I served together on Ways and Means for several years, and during that time I always respected his opinions. We shared the same political philosophy.

My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Ketchum and BILL's fine family and grandchildren, as well as to the countless friends and constituents who admired and loved BILL KETCHUM: A man who has well earned his place in history.

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of my friend and colleague BILL KETCHUM.

I knew BILL for the 6 years that I have served in the House, and for the past 4 years I have worked with him on the Ways and Means Committee. While we frequently disagreed on issues, BILL KETCHUM was always one who would speak his mind forthrightly and with conviction. He was a man who had an extensive knowledge of the welfare system, and coupled that knowledge with a true compassion for the disadvantaged and needy. Despite our political differences, I could rely upon BILL KETCHUM to support things that would help people. He was not one to mince words, but could always be looked to for a laugh to ease the tension, or to brighten a dreary session.

He was a serious and hard-working man, full of vigor and enthusiasm for this job. He was not ashamed to display his love for this country, and made valuable contributions to the State of California and to the Nation, as a whole.

He was a pilot, a public servant, but above all he was a good man. We will remember him for the person that he was, and for the commitment that he showed to the House and to the people that he served.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, BILL KETCHUM was a friend. His civilizing presence helped smooth the rough edges of political dialog. From the other side of the aisle—and of most issues—I appreciated BILL's easy manner and friendly humor.

Though the farms and oilfields of the southern Central Valley are large and modern, the flavor of smalltown America remains among the people. BILL represented these people—the farmers, grocers, teachers, truckdrivers—with wit and wisdom. He not only spoke for the economic interests of his district, but for the man in the street, drawing attention to the sometimes burdensome impact of the Government on the average citizen.

BILL also had the great virtue, not always evident enough in public life, of being very honest and straightforward about his views. Because he was direct without being doctrinaire, discussing anything with BILL was a pleasure.

Above all, I will miss BILL KETCHUM because he was a nice person. That may not sound significant, but it is very important to me. Mrs. Van Deerlin joins in expressing sincerest sympathy to Lola.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the untimely death of our distinguished colleague. During his 6 years in Congress, he served with honor and distinction. Even though BILL and I were on opposite sides of the aisle, we had a warm and friendly relationship. Two years ago, we both suffered similar arm injuries and I have fond memories of our amusing discussions about getting back into the swing of things. As many of you know, BILL was an avid golfer and was worried about maintaining his stroke and aim.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude my remarks by saying that BILL KETCHUM was an able and conscientious legislator. I respected his skill and commitment. My deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Ketchum and the family during the time of their bereavement.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of our colleague, BILL KETCHUM, has shocked and saddened us all. I join with my associates in the House of Representatives in paying tribute to this beautiful person and true friend of our Nation.

BILL KETCHUM and I were sworn into office together in 1973, and in the ensuing years I was privileged to become acquainted with this man who stood for integrity and honesty. His career in government service is the epitome of what the word "statesmanship" should represent. As a fellow Republican, I am also grateful for the leadership and good judgment he provided our party in the House of Representatives.

We shall all miss our friend, but I for one will long remember the dedication of purpose with which BILL carried out his responsibilities as the U.S. Representative for the 18th District of California.

Mr. LLOYD of California. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of BILL KETCHUM leaves me unprepared to list the many achievements of his private and political life, especially since those achievements are so many. I want to talk instead about the man—my colleague, fellow Californian, basketball buddy and, especially, friend. Not many

things are permanent in political life, but I could always count on BILL's word and promise. He was an honest man, forceful, down-to-earth, and loyal to his constituents and staff.

People obviously meant a great deal to him. His social security and welfare legislation, his charitable activities, and his gentlemanly relationship with Congress all indicate that people were his priority—and there were very few occasions which did not call for showing us the latest pictures of his grandchildren.

His love was returned and his memory makes it that more precious.

Ms. OAKAR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer these thoughts about our late colleague, BILL KETCHUM.

WILLIAM KETCHUM was one of those rare men that one meets during a lifetime. He was a kind and dignified man, who was able to debate and disagree with his friends and colleagues, but who never failed to listen respectfully to his congressional opponents. He served with distinction in this body, particularly in his assignment to the Committee on Ways and Means. He was a fine legislator and a most admirable American.

I will miss BILL KETCHUM. The Republican Party, the Congress, and the entire Nation have suffered an incalculable loss.

Mr. SARASIN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in expressing my shock and sadness over the death of the late Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM.

BILL KETCHUM was an excellent legislator and a good friend. He will be sorely missed by his colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee, by those of us who had the distinct privilege of serving with him on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Welfare Reform, and by all of us who knew him to be conscientious and dedicated to responsible Government.

Although our paths only crossed formally on the ad hoc subcommittee, I often was the beneficiary of BILL's counsel on a wide range of issues. From tax measures to problems facing the elderly to the Nation's manpower programs, BILL KETCHUM demonstrated the all important ability to mix compassion and concern with an awareness of national and economic realities. He always worked to help the American public—to help them in the most direct and effective ways possible.

We entered Congress together, and from our initiation as members of the 93d Club until his untimely death, we found many areas of common interest and concern. We found, too, that the distance between California and Connecticut was only miles, that our friendship could easily span the illusory distance.

BILL KETCHUM will be most sadly missed—for his dedication, devotion, and statesmanship.

Mr. BURGNER. Mr. Speaker, before yielding back the remainder of my time, I want to express my deep appreciation to the dean of our delegation, the gentleman from California (Mr. Bob Wilson), for arranging the first of these two special orders so that all of our colleagues could honor a dear, dear friend. It was a great tribute to **BILL** on Tuesday of this week when some 48 Members of this House, along with about 40 members of staff who loved **BILL** equally, traveled to his hometown, Bakersfield, to participate with his family and local friends in a memorial service.

Mr. FREY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to join my colleague Bob Wilson of California and all the many Members in expressing our condolences to **BILL**'s wife, Lola, and his family. I had the privilege of serving with **BILL** in the House for over 5 years and had the privilege to know him well. **BILL** was a worker, a strong personality with principles he was not afraid to enunciate or work for. No matter how tough the issue, you always knew where **BILL** stood. He cared about this country and the people he represented. As was obvious over the years with his service in the State legislature and the Congress, the people of his district knew and appreciated his dedication and service. **BILL** was also a competitor. Whether it was on the golf course, the tennis courts, or paddle ball courts, **BILL** put everything into it. That is probably the reason that so many of us were so fond of him. He never did anything halfway. This country was built with the Bill Ketchums of the world. As long as such people are willing to step forward and serve, this country will continue to grow. Marcia and I send our thoughts and prayers.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of our colleague **BILL KETCHUM**, of the 18th District of California, both the State and the House lose a great asset. Mr. **KETCHUM**'s dignity and demeanor held him in the highest esteem by his colleagues, and while I unfortunately never had the pleasure of serving with this fine gen-

tleman on any House committee I have long been aware of his exemplary and significant contributions to the Ways and Means Committee of which he was a member.

Mr. Speaker, the House will sorely miss Mr. KETCHUM. To his family may I extend my deepest sympathies and condolences for a great man has all too soon left our ranks.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, we in the Congress share the deep loss of the people of California's 18th District on the death of their Representative, the Honorable WILLIAM KETCHUM.

Though BILL served in the Congress only 6 years, he gained the respect of all of his colleagues in that short time with his enthusiasm, his leadership, and his devotion to his constituents.

BILL KETCHUM will be missed.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his wife and to his beloved family.

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, I first met BILL in 1967 when, shortly after his having gone to the State legislature, I had become a member of the city council in San Jose. There were many times when municipal officials had to go up to Sacramento to discuss issues that dealt with cities. We always felt, well, BILL, being from a rural area, may not have an understanding of what some of the problems of the cities might be, especially a growing city like San Jose. But BILL always had that open ear.

I recall one evening after one of those "Meet Your Legislators" sessions when he asked me, "Norm, were you in one of those camps?" I answered in the affirmative. And he said, "You know, that was one of the worst things that ever happened in the history of our country but it has never been written about in our history books."

Here was a person who served in World War II, in the tough battles of the South Pacific, and was recalled to active duty during the Korean war. Here was a person who had been in the Counter-intelligence Corps in Japan and I who had served my time in the Military Intelligence Corps in Japan, and we used to swap stories and exchange experiences. But under that tough exterior and that crewcut of his, there was a person of deep warmth and compassion for people and their experiences. I never really got to know BILL as many of you in the State legislature did, but as I got more experience as a member of the city council in San Jose and was eventually

elected mayor, I always knew that BILL was a person I could talk to about the problems of the city. I came to know BILL a lot better when we got back here. Two years ago, when I introduced a bill relative to civil service credit for those American citizens of Japanese ancestry who had been interned during World War II, BILL was one of the first Members to call me to be a cosponsor, and he said, "Norm, I want to help you with your bill." He had a very strong commitment. He testified before the House committee and the Senate committee, one of the few Members to take the time to do that, in strong support of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I know all of us will miss his strength as a person, his warmth, his toughness, and sincerity and compassion for people and their problems. Of course, Lola and the family, with their great strengths, will have the memory of his great accomplishments to keep alive the spirit of BILL KETCHUM. I know that it is his kind of driving spirit and patriotism that gives a lot of us strength, as well.

Liberal or conservative, we all have a great love for this country; and BILL for a lot of us epitomized what is the strength of this country.

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, the people of California lost an able Representative and the House Ways and Means Committee a valued member with the death recently of WILLIAM M. KETCHUM.

BILL KETCHUM was an eternal advocate. He had a deft sense of what was irritating on the law books—and he went after the wrongs he perceived. He was at ease with controversy, and he often created it.

I did not always agree with BILL. But I felt secure that an issue before the Ways and Means Committee would have a better hearing because of him. And I know that nearly every bill we passed was, in one way or another, shaped by him.

As a legislator, he did his homework. He chose his targets with care, and his approach was forthright and strong. While he could throw a sharp dart in debate, more often than not it was dipped in humor.

BILL KETCHUM believed the American dream. He believed that everyone had a chance to succeed in this country. He was tough on those who did not reach for success. But he was even tougher on those who did not obey the rules of play.

Congress has lost a man who fought for his ideas and lived by his ideals. He will be missed.

Mr. DANIELSON. Mr. Speaker, I do not really know when I first met BILL KETCHUM. I know that I met him when he came to the California Legislature following the 1966 election.

Mr. Speaker, I remember one occasion not too long ago when BILL and I were visiting, and it happened to come out in our conversation that for a while BILL had been stationed with the Army on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, which is the northernmost of the principal islands of Japan, shortly after World War II.

I commented to BILL, "That is interesting." I told him that I had been in the Navy during the war, and along in the fall of 1945 the task unit to which my ship, the APA-87, was attached, picked up some troops down in the Philippines and carried them to Hokkaido. In fact, this was the first group which landed in Hokkaido.

We did not pursue the matter any further at the time, but BILL told me of his experiences in Hokkaido, about how much he enjoyed working there and enjoyed the Japanese people.

BILL actually became quite expert in the Japanese language and was one of those few in the military who were able to get along with the Japanese in their own tongue.

Just the other day, Mr. Speaker, I was in the group that went out to Bakersfield, Calif., for BILL's memorial service. While out there, I was sitting across from the gentleman from California (Mr. Don H. Clausen), who happened to comment that BILL had been in the 77th Division during World War II. That happened to be the division that we went down to the Philippines to pick up in September of 1945, which we hauled up to Hokkaido. Therefore, I imagine we crossed paths some 33 years ago, although I did not know it and possibly did not meet BILL at the time.

My first real recollections of BILL, however, were in the legislature in California. I might say that the record he established, the reputation he established here in the Halls of Congress, was simply a continuation of his record and reputation in the California Legislature.

Mr. Speaker, the record he established in Sacramento was just a precursor of the one he has here in the House. What I remember most about BILL as a legislator was his absolute independence and integrity. He was always responsible in making up his mind, but

he was his own man; his mind belonged to himself. Oftentimes he was nearly alone in the positions which he took, but they were taken with the utmost of integrity and independence, and he set a standard we could all well afford to follow.

I join my many colleagues in extending my sympathy, and that of my wife, Candy, to BILL's wife, Lola, and to their family. BILL will always live in our memories as one of the "good guys."

Mr. DICKINSON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to join in paying tribute to the late Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM of the 18th Congressional District of California. The Nation has lost a dedicated and capable public servant when we lost BILL KETCHUM.

BILL KETCHUM was filled with all of those qualities which we admire in people both in and out of public life: Honesty, personal integrity, intelligence, sincerity, and dedication to the betterment of his fellow citizens.

It was very seldom that BILL KETCHUM and I had differences on public issues which were of concern to the Congress or the Nation. But even among those who might have held differing philosophical views, he was highly regarded and much admired. He was thoughtful and constructive and he was perceptive and incisive.

The residents of the 18th Congressional District of California were well served by this fine legislator. The House of Representatives is a better place for his having worked among us. Much as we may mourn his untimely death, we are grateful for having had the opportunity of working with and knowing BILL KETCHUM.

BILL KETCHUM's death was also a personal loss to me. We were good personal friends and enjoyed many happy occasions together. I would also like to extend my deepest sympathy to his wife, Lola, and their fine family. Truly we are all better for his having walked among us.

Mr. COCHRAN of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, the death of BILL KETCHUM was a great shock and a very real tragedy.

This House and our Nation have sustained an unmeasurable loss.

BILL KETCHUM was one of the most conscientious Members of the House. He was effective, hard working, and very intelligent.

His warm and genuine manner made him one of the most popular among us.

His death leaves a big, empty place in this Chamber. I know he will be missed and fondly remembered for a long, long time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, in December of 1972, fresh from a victory in my first election to the House of Representatives, I came to Washington with other new Members of the 93d Congress to get acquainted and to familiarize myself with the workings of Capitol Hill.

One of the warmest men I met that first day was a pleasant, energetic gentleman from California, BILL KETCHUM, who welcomed the opportunity to discuss the many problems confronting the "freshman class."

As the years went by I found many other opportunities to seek out the advice and counsel of BILL KETCHUM on many vital issues.

And then, last Sunday, I read in my local paper of BILL's untimely death in his beloved Bakersfield. It was a great shock to all those who knew and respected him.

Too many good men have left us this past year, and it is a particular loss to have a strong, patient, and sensible man like BILL KETCHUM suddenly leave our midst.

Congressman KETCHUM covered a lot of ground in his 56 years. He served his Nation in two wars, he served the people of his State in the California State Legislature. He was an accomplished cattle farmer and businessman and a devout member of the St. James Episcopal Church in Paso Robles.

To BILL's widow, Lola, his son, Bob, and his daughter, Kathy, and their grandchildren, I offer my sincere condolences in their bereavement. They can be truly proud of his outstanding service to his Nation and to his fellow man.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my thoughts on the passing of my good friend and distinguished colleague, BILL KETCHUM. BILL was a classmate of mine, a man with a deep concern for his constituents in the agricultural 18th Congressional District of California. Coming as I do from an agricultural Pennsylvania district, I shared with BILL many of the same concerns in our common effort to see that rural America got a square deal in the Congress.

In his service on the House Ways and Means Committee, BILL stuck to his guns and was constantly fighting against irresponsible spending measures that all too often kept coming before his com-

mittee. He was a man of principle whose convictions ran deep, and he was never afraid to stand by them. He was, most importantly, a gentleman and a friend. I shall miss him greatly.

Mr. RAILSBACK. Mr. Speaker, Congressman WILLIAM KETCHUM died of a heart attack on June 24. At that time, I lost a very good friend. He was a dedicated Republican from California and a capable legislator with whom I had the privilege and opportunity to work. Although a proven conservative, he led Congress to pass legislation authorizing regulation of agricultural burning and agricultural chemicals, as well as legislation to end most open burning of wastes. He worked hard to help revise tax laws in his capacity as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. As a good Republican, he fought to keep taxes down. This country needs capable leaders, and I am sorry that we have lost BILL KETCHUM.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep regret that I had learned of the sudden death on June 24 of our distinguished colleague, WILLIAM M. KETCHUM.

BILL KETCHUM served the people of California's 18th Congressional District as he always lived his life, devoting himself fully to the job at hand. His dedication and hard work were well known and respected, as was the good humor with which he spiced both.

BILL KETCHUM was an outstanding Congressman, an outstanding Republican, and an outstanding human being. We shall miss his good counsel, and Kathleen and I wish to extend our condolences to Mrs. Ketchum and to the rest of his family.

Mr. LEGGETT. Mr. Speaker, aggressive, tenacious, courageous, capable, moderate, honest, witty—all of these adjectives and more describe our recently fallen colleague from the Central Valley and desert of California, my friend, BILL KETCHUM. A man of great war record, a gladiator who followed me by a few years in the California Legislature, he was a tenacious U.S. Congressman.

I spent a few days with BILL several years ago when we journeyed to Bishop to hold hearings on the Tule Elk Refuge legislation. I heard KETCHUM's constituents and he represented them well—invariably the Tule Elk herds were saved, as well as the Owens Valley economy.

BILL was aggressive, but inevitably reasonable, and from such balanced attitude and capability many times democracy can work to accommodate the conflicts that arise in the human environs.

Friend BILL KETCHUM was extremely capable. He served California well in public office for over a decade. His memorial is etched in the perpetually maintained scrolls of the House of Representatives Congressional Record.

He served with diligence, honor, and respect. I salute his wife, Lola. We will all miss him very much.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Speaker, our late colleague, BILL KETCHUM, was a great guy, a superb legislator, a patriot, and a man of firm conviction. His sudden death was a tragedy, not only for his wonderful wife, Lola, and family, but also for this body and our Nation.

We as a nation badly need legislators and representatives capable of adhering to principle, when the tide of public opinion is running in different directions. BILL adhered to his strong principles and convictions eloquently and forcefully—but never disagreeably. One could differ with BILL and maintain a mutual friendship and great respect. Of BILL's many endearing qualities his capacity to differ sharply on an issue, but in an agreeable manner is perhaps the most memorable one.

BILL's death was a particular shock and sadness to me. We enjoyed many conversations, meals, and trips together. A truly great guy who made one proud to be an American. My wife, Hilary, joins me in sending Lola our sympathy. We hope she is finding comfort not only in faith but in proud memories of a distinguished life so much of which was devoted to exemplary public service.

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *June 26, 1978.*

Mr. HAYAKAWA. Mr. President, I submit a resolution on behalf of myself and Senator Cranston. I send a copy to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 493) relative to the death of Representative WILLIAM M. KETCHUM of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. HAYAKAWA. Mr. President, the death of the Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, a Representative from the State of California, is a matter of profound regret and sorrow to all of us. Representative KETCHUM was a man of extraordinary doggedness and conviction. It never bothered him to be a very, very small minority among those opposing a measure if he thought the measure was wrong or foolish or misguided. He was a man of very great energy and convictions and had the strength of those convictions.

He was also an extraordinarily energetic Congressman, pursuing the interests of his constituency, the State, and the Nation with vigor and complete dedication. I wish to express my own great sorrow and the sorrow of my colleagues at the loss of Mr. WILLIAM KETCHUM. I ask for the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. CRANSTON. Mr. President, the death of Congressman BILL KETCHUM of California deprives the Nation of a rugged, tough-minded advocate of Western agriculture.

Representative KETCHUM stood in Congress for the same principles that guided him as a rancher, president of his local farm bureau, and three-term California State legislator. In the House since 1972, he was a forceful voice for the conservative approach to the problems of cattle and sheep ranchers, fruit and vegetable growers, cotton farmers, oil drillers, and mineral interests in and around his adopted hometown of Bakersfield, Calif.

Though we disagreed on some issues—by no means on all—I knew BILL KETCHUM to be an outgoing and friendly human being. His political and legislative adversaries—no less than his compatriots—respected Representative KETCHUM for his direct approach and lack of pretensions. When he felt his positions were right for his district and his country, he was unafraid to be counted among the minority, even an unsuccessful minority.

Representative KETCHUM will be missed by his colleagues, but remembered for his contributions to California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 493

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, late a Representative from the State of California.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the resolution, the Chair appoints the two Senators from California (Mr. Cranston and Mr. Hayakawa) to comprise a committee on the part of the Senate to join the committee appointed on the part of the House to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I move, in accordance with the order previously entered and, in accordance with Senate Resolution 493, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Honorable WILLIAM M. KETCHUM, late a Representative from the State of California, that the Senate stand in recess until the hour of 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and at 7:10 p.m. the Senate recessed until tomorrow, Tuesday, June 27, 1978, at 9:30 a.m.





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